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 REV. WOODWARD, JAMES A.,* Farmridge.
 REV. WRIGHT, EDWARD P., Rector Christ Church, Waukegan.
 REV. WELLS, ALBERT E.,* Deacon, officiating at Wilmington and Pontiac; not transferred.

Whole Number of Clergy,.....	67
Entitled to Seats,.....	55
Present,.....	43
Present but not entitled to Seats,.....	3
Absent entitled to Seats,.....	12
Absent not entitled to Seats,.....	9

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

- CARLINVILLE, ST. PAUL'S—W. N. Dorsett, Samuel Bowyer.
CHESTER, ST. MARK'S—*R. B. Servant*, John Swanwick, J. L. Edwards.
CHESTERFIELD, ST. PETER'S—*T. S. Gelder*, Robert Oliver.
CHICAGO, ASCENSION—Gurdon S. Hubbard, Moses Bacon, Samuel Gehr.
“ ATONEMENT—Reuben Tayler, *Hon. L. B. Otis*, Hon. George Green.
“ GRACE—H. W. Hinsdale, W. G. Hibbard, *Samuel Powell*.
“ HOLY COMMUNION—*James Carter*, *David Rulter, M.D.*, Albert E. Neely.
“ ST. JOHN'S—*D. W. Page, J. A. Nichols*.
DECATUR, ST. JOHN'S—Henry Prather, *Lowber Burrows, W. J. Quinlan*.
DIXON—ST. LUKE'S—Jas. K. Edsall, Wm. DeWolf, John Stevens.
FARMINGTON—CALVARY—*S. Wilkinson*, F. A. Warner, *Geo. J. Wilkinson*.
FARMRIDGE, ST. ANDREW'S—*Beebe Clark, John Paul*, Isaac Yost.
GALENA, GRACE—*Frederick Stahl*, Richard Seal.
HYDE PARK, ST. PAUL'S—*W. K. Akerman*.
JACKSONVILLE, TRINITY—*W. M. Mayo*, Henry Stryker, Sr., B. Gillette.
JOLIET, CHRIST—*S. W. Stone*, C. E. Keeler, Wm. Adams.
KEWANEE, ST. JOHN'S—James Elliott, Linus D. Bishop, *J. Hopkins*.
LACON, ST. JOHN'S—Robert Boal, Edward Swazey.
LEWISTOWN, ST. JAMES'—*S. C. Judd*, G. D. McManus, J. M. Davidson.
LIMESTONE, CHRIST—*James Clark*, George Norwood.
MANHATTAN—ST. PAUL'S—*John Young, Edward Lawrence*, E. B. Crafts.
NAPERVILLE, ST. JOHN'S—*S. P. Stevens*.
OTTAWA, CHRIST—*J. W. Dow, Wm. Osman, E. W. Kimbal*.
PEKIN, ST. PAUL'S—William Stansbury, *S. E. Barber*.
PEORIA—ST. PAUL'S—*Matthew Griswold, P. R. K. Brotherson, J. W. Hansel*.
PERU, ST. PAUL'S—*Naasson Young, Martin Delany*.
PRINCETON, REDEEMER—William Bacon, M. D., W. W. Wilson, Thomas Woodruff.
PROVIDENCE, ZION—*Ferdinand Horton, L. F. Lefavoure, W. Pilkington*.
QUINCY, ST. JOHN'S—*S. C. Sherman, J. B. Gilpin, H. H. Hofman*.
ROBIN'S NEST, CHRIST—*Charles Mayo, H. H. Mayo, J. H. Knowles*.
SPRINGFIELD, ST. PAUL'S—Hon. S. H. Treat, *Antrim Campbell, W. H. Bailhache*.
TISKILWA, ST. JUDE'S—Oliver Millen, J. J. Wilkins, *Lemuel Perkins*.
UTICA, ST. GEORGE'S—John Wood, *J. B. Peckham*.
WAUKEGAN, CHRIST—Ransom Steel, Benjamin S. Cory, M.D.
WILMINGTON, REDEEMER—*Barnabas Bradl*.

Those present in Convention in *italics*.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—*Opening Devotions.*

Prayers shall be offered on each day, introductory to the business of Convention.

II.—*Duties of the President.*

1. He shall take the chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned; shall call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members: on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention.

3. Questions shall be decided but in this form, viz: "As many as are of the opinion that, (as the case may be,) say Aye," and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the President doubt as to the result of the vote, taken as above, or a division be called for, the Convention shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. No congregation shall be entitled to be

counted as more than one vote amongst the laity. And an equal division of the lay delegates from a congregation, shall neutralize the vote of such congregation.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Convention; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the Convention shall proceed to a second ballot; and in case a greater number than is required to compose a complete Committee shall have an equal number of votes, the Convention shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

III.—*Of Decorum and Debate.*

5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand up except to address the Chair.

6. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless by consent of two-thirds of the House.

10. While the President is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

11. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he is personally interested in the discussion.

12. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

13. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

14. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

15. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this House.

16. The reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion for acceptance, unless re-committed by a vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

17. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately ; except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate ; but any member may appeal from such decision, which appeal shall be decided by the House ; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

19. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made ; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition, on a subject different from the one under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

IV.—*Order of Business.*

20. The business of the House shall be called up and disposed of in the following order, to wit : 1st, Communications from the President. 2d, Reports from Standing Committees. 3d, Special Committees, in the order of appointment. 4th, Petitions and Memorials. 5th, Motions and Resolutions.

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CHRIST CHURCH, OTTAWA, }
September 11, 1861. }

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in Christ Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, A. D. 1861, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D., and Rev. T. N. Morrison; the Lessons being read by Rev. J. Benson and Rev. A. J. Warner. The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Alexander Capron, Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.

After the Sermon, the Bishop admitted and ordained to the Order of Priests, Rev. Salmon R. Weldon, Minister of Zion Church, Freeport, and Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Joliet: the former was presented by Rev. Dr. Chase; the latter, by Rev. John Wilkinson. Rev. Dr. Chase, Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Rev. Mr. Benson, Rev. Mr. Warner, Rev. Mr. Morrison, and Rev. Mr. Wilkinson united with the Bishop in the laying on of hands. The Litany and Communion Service were said by the Bishop, the Offertory being read by Rev. Dr. Chase, who also assisted the Bishop in the distribution of the Elements in the Holy Communion. The offerings, as previously

announced, were appropriated to the Missions of the Diocese.

The Convention met for organization and business at 3 P. M.

There being no Secretary, in accordance with the VIII. Art. of the Constitution, the Hon. L. B. Otis, as Secretary of the Standing Committee, called the names of the Clergy from the list furnished by the Bishop.

The following Clergy answered to their names and took their seats:

Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D.

Rev. Charles H. Albert,

“ Stephen T. Allen,

“ Thomas N. Benedict,

“ John Benson,

“ Hiram N. Bishop,

“ Jacob Bredberg,

“ W. M. A. Broadnax,

“ Caleb A. Bruce,

“ Alexander Capron,

“ Samuel T. Carpenter,

“ John Cauch,

“ Samuel Chase, D.D.,

“ Anson Clark,

“ Lewis P. Clover, D.D.,

“ James W. Coe,

“ A. P. Crouch,

“ Erastus DeWolf, Jr.,

“ D. W. Dresser,

“ John H. Egar,

“ Charles A. Gilbert,

“ Henry T. Heister,

Rev. Frederic A. Juny,

“ Isaac P. Labagh,

“ Clinton Locke,

“ Charles F. Loop,

“ Matthew Magill,

“ William Mitchell, M.D.,

“ Theodore N. Morrison,

“ John W. Osborne,

“ John B. Richmond,

“ Warren H. Roberts,

“ William T. Smithett,

“ William M. Steel,

“ George C. Street,

“ Edmund B. Tuttle,

“ Abraham J. Warner,

“ Julius H. Waterbury,

“ Salmon R. Weldon,

“ John R. West,

“ John Wilkinson,

“ Edward P. Wright.

Whole number entitled to seats, 55. Whole number present, 42.

There being a Canonical number of the Clergy in attendance, the Secretary proceeded to call the list of Parishes entitled to representation. The Certificates

of Lay Delegates having been referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. T. N. Benedict, Rev. J. Wilkinson, and Hon. L. B. Otis, the following were reported as correct, viz :

St. Peter's, Chesterfield—T. S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.

St. Mark's, Chester—R. B. Servant, John Swanwick, J. L. Edwards.

Church of the Ascension, Chicago—Gurdon S. Hubbard, Moses Bacon, Samuel Gehr.

Church of the Atonement, Chicago—Reuben Taylor, Hon. L. B. Otis, Hon. George Green.

Grace Church, Chicago—H. W. Hinsdale, W. G. Hibbard, Samuel Powell.

Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago—James Carter, David Rutter, M.D., Albert E. Neely.

St. John's, Decatur—Henry Prather, Lowber Burrows, W. J. Quinlan.

Calvary, Farmington—S. Wilkinson, F. A. Warner, George J. Wilkinson.

St. Andrew's, Farmridge—Beebe Clark, John Paul, Isaac Yost.

Grace, Galena—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

St. Paul's, Hyde Park—W. K. Akerman.

Trinity, Jacksonville—W. M. Mayo, Henry Stryker, Sr., B. Gillette.

Christ, Joliet—S. W. Stone, C. E. Keeler, Wm. Adams.

St. John's, Kewanee—James Elliot, Linus D. Bishop, J. Hopkins.

St. James', Lewistown—S. C. Judd, G. D. McManus, J. M. Davidson.

Christ, Limestone—James Clark, George Norwood.

St. Paul's, Manhattan—John Young, Edward Lawrence, E. B. Crafts.

Christ, Ottawa—J. W. Dow, Wm. Osman, E. W. Kimbal.

St. Paul's, Pekin—William Stansbury, S. E. Barber.

St. Paul's, Peoria—Matthew Griswold, P. R. K. Brotherson, J. W. Hansel.

St. Paul's, Peru—Naasson Young, Martin Delany.

Redeemer, Princeton—Wm. Bacon, M.D., W. W. Wilson, Thomas Woodruff.

Zion, Providence—Ferdinand Horton, L. F. Lefavoure, W. Pilkington.

St. John's, Quincy—S. C. Sherman, J. B. Gilpin, H. H. Hofman.

Christ, Robin's Nest—Charles Mayo, H. H. Mayo, J. H. Knowles.

St. Paul's, Springfield—Hon. S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell, W. H. Bailhache.

List of Lay Delegates present—Canonical number both Orders—Convention duly organized.

St. Jude's, Tiskilwa—Oliver Millen, J. J. Wilkins, Lemuel Perkins.
Christ, Waukegan—Ransom Steel, Benjamin S. Cory, M.D.

The names of the Lay Delegates being called, the following answered and took their seats :

R. B. Servant—*St. Mark's, Chester*.
 T. S. Gelder—*St. Peter's, Chesterfield*.
 Samuel Powell—*Grace Church, Chicago*.
 James Carter, David Rutter, M.D.—*Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago*.
 Hon. L. B. Otis—*Church of the Atonement, Chicago*.
 Lowber Burrows, W. J. Quinlan—*St. John's, Decatur*.
 S. Wilkinson, Geo. J. Wilkinson—*Calvary, Farmington*.
 Beebe Clark, John Paul—*St. Andrews, Farmridge*.
 Frederick Stahl—*Grace, Galena*.
 W. M. Mayo—*Trinity, Jacksonville*.
 S. W. Stone—*Christ, Joliet*.
 J. Hopkins—*St. John's, Kewanee*.
 James Clark—*Christ, Limestone*.
 John Young, Edward Lawrence—*St. Paul's, Manhattan*.
 J. W. Dow, Wm. Osman, E. W. Kimball—*Christ, Ottawa*.
 S. E. Barber—*St. Paul's, Pekin*.
 Matthew Griswold, P. R. K. Brotherson, J. W. Hansel—*St. Paul's, Peoria*.
 Naasson Young, Martin Delany—*St. Paul's, Peru*.
 Ferdinand Horton—*Zion, Providence*.
 S. C. Sherman, S. B. Gilpin—*St. John's, Quincy*.
 Charles Mayo, J. H. Knowles—*Christ, Robin's Nest*.
 Lemuel Perkins—*St. Jude's, Tiskilwa*.
 W. K. Akerman—*St. Paul's, Hyde Park*.
 S. C. Judd—*St. James, Lewistown*.

No. of Parishes entitled to representation,.....	43
No. of Certificates approved,.....	28
No. of Parishes present,.....	25

There being a Canonical number of Lay Delegates present—thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the President declared the Convention organized for business, and called for the reading of the “Rules of Order.”

The next business in order being the election of Secretary, the Convention proceeded to ballot for the same. Rev. John Wilkinson, having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, was declared duly elected. The Secretary nominated as his Assistant, Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, which nomination was confirmed by the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded, in order, to ballot for Treasurer, when Rev. T. N. Morrison was unanimously re-elected.

The Bishop appointed the following Standing Committees on the Business of the Convention, as required by the Canon:

1st. *On the Incorporation of Churches*—Rev. T. N. Benedict, S. Corning Judd, David Rutter, M. D.

2d. *On Finance*—Rev. Dr. Clover, Samuel Wilkinson, J. W. Hansel.

3d. *On Privilege*—Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D., Rev. J. B. Richmond, Seth C. Sherman, James Carter.

4th. *On Legislation*—Rev. Dr. Chase, Rev. T. N. Benedict, Antrim Campbell, R. B. Servant, L. B. Otis.

5th *On the Extension of the Church*—Rev. T. N. Morrison, Rev. W. M. Steel, P. R. K. Brotherson, Lowber Burrows.

The Bishop then appointed the Inspectors of Elections as follows:

For Standing Committee:

Clerical votes—

Rev. C. F. Loop,
J. Hopkins,

Lay votes—

Rev. J. W. Osborne,
Frederick Stahl.

For Deputies to General Convention:

Clerical votes.

Rev. C. A. Bruce,
J. H. Knowles.

Lay votes.

Rev. J. W. Coe,
James Clark.

Inspectors of Elections—Compliment of Admission—Proposed Amendments of Canons.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois :

Clerical votes—

Rev. W. T. Smithett,
T. S. Gelder.

Lay votes—

Rev. G. C. Street,
S. W. Stone.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That Clergymen present, not entitled to seats in this Convention ; Clergymen from other Dioceses ; and Candidates for Holy Orders ; be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following clergymen attended the sittings of the Convention :

Rev. James A. Woodward, of the Diocese of Illinois.

“ Chas. P. Clarke,

“ “

“ Albert E. Wells,

“ Wisconsin.

Notice was given of a proposed amendment of Sec. 2. Canon XX, by adding thereto the following :

“ SEC. 2. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall appoint the time and place of the trial : the place must be within the Diocese. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, may postpone the trial from time to time, for cause shown, or when justice requires it.”

The proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The following amendment was also proposed, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation :

“ That Sec. 2, Canon VII, be amended by repealing all that section after the words, “ as the Bishop may designate.”

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be requested to report the status of the Canons of this Church as to what number constitutes a quorum of the Standing Committee.

The following amendment to Canon VII was proposed and referred to the proper Standing Committee:

Amendment to Sec. 1. "The Board of Missions of this Diocese shall consist of the Bishop"—that sections 2 and 3 be repealed; and Sec. 4 be numbered Sec. 2.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation are hereby instructed to prepare, and report to this Convention, an amendment to Sec. 1, Article XII, of the Constitution, so as to provide that a less number may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1861.

The Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, on Thursday morning. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Dresser and Steel; Rev. Mr. Magill reading the lessons.

After Prayers, the roll of the Clergy was called, and the Rev. Michael Scofield, not present on the previous day, appeared and took his seat. The roll of Lay Delegates being also called, Messrs. Wm. Kimball, of Christ Church, Ottawa, and Antrim Campbell of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, not present yesterday, answered to their names, and took their seats. The minutes of the preceding day were then read; and, as amended, approved.

New Certificates of Lay Delegates—Incorporation of Churches—St. George's, Utica.

The business next in order being the receiving the certificates of Lay Delegates, the Committee received, and reported as correct the following :

St. Paul's, Carlinville—W. N. Dorsett, Samuel Bowyer.

St. John's, Chicago—D. W. Page, J. A. Nichols.

St. John's, Naperville—S. P. Stevens.

St. Luke's, Dixon—Jas. K. Edsall, Wm. DeWolf, John Stevens.

St. John's, Lacon—Robert Boal, Edward Swazey.

Redeemer, Wilmington—Barnabas Bradt.

The names of these Delegates being then called, the following appeared and took their seats :

St. John's Chicago—D. W. Page and J. A. Nichols.

St. John's Naperville—S. P. Stevens.

Redeemer, Wilmington—Barnabas Bradt.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches made the following report :

“The Committee on the Admission of Churches into union with the Convention report that one Parish, St. George's, Utica, LaSalle Co., has applied for admission. The papers accompanying their petition, are in accordance with the requirements of Art. XIII. of the Constitution. The Committee therefore recommend the admission of this parish into union with the Convention.

THOS. N. BENEDICT,
S. CORNING JUDD,
DAVID RUTTER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Parish of ST. GEORGE'S, UTICA, be admitted into union with the Convention.

The certificate of Lay Delegation was then presented and examined, and the following named were called :

John Wood, J. B. Peckham.

Mr. Peckham answered to his name and took his seat.

The Bishop then proceeded to deliver to the Convention his Annual Address.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the recent Act of the Legislature, be referred to a Committee of five.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. Dr. Chase, Rev. Mr. Benedict, Hon. L. B. Otis, Antrim Campbell, Frederick Stahl.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the suppression of the "Exhibits" appended to the Bishop's Address of last year, be referred to a Committee of three, of which the chairman shall be a clergyman.

Rev. John Benson, S. C. Judd and James Carter were appointed as such Committee.

The following resolution was then offered :

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the present difficulties and embarrassments of the country be referred to a Special Committee of three.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to Diocesan Missions, be referred to a Committee of three.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. J. H. Egar, Lowber Burrows, and Samuel Wilkinson.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese then made the following report :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois for the year 1860-61 beg leave to report, that they have recommended to the

Report of Standing Committee of the Diocese—Next Annual Session in Bishop's Chapel.

Bishop the following persons to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders :

Mr. J. Wainright Ray,	Mr. Stephen T. Allen,
“ John Cauch,	“ Peter Arvidson,
Mr. Alfred Cauldwell.	

They have recommended to the Bishop the following persons for ordination to the Diaconate :

Mr. Erastus De Wolf,	Mr. Stephen T. Allen,
Mr. John Cauch.	

They have recommended to the Bishop for ordination to Priesthood, the

Rev. John Read West.

They have also acted as the Board of Missions of the Diocese. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT H. CLARKSON,
Pres't of the Standing Committee.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in the Bishop's Chapel in the City of Chicago.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a Committee of three, to whom shall be referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to “Euphemia Hall, Marengo,” under the management of the Rev. Mr. Labagh.

Whereupon the Bishop appointed as such committee, Rev. E. P. Wright, S. C. Sherman and S. W. Stone.

After which, it was

Resolved, That the Convention take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention re-assembled at 3 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the Bishop.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF DIOCESE.

The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, presented the following report:

The undersigned in behalf of the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, respectfully reports, that on January 1st, 1861, the Board, through their Treasurer, Matthew Griswold, Esq., of Peoria, gave the usual notice of the assessment upon the several parishes for the support of the Episcopate, under Canon XIII, by the following circular:

*Office of the Episcopate Fund, Diocese of Illinois, }
Peoria, 1st Jan., 1861.*

List of Parishes and their respective assessments for the support of the Episcopate for the years 1860-61. The quarterly payments are due 1st October, 1860, 1st January, 1st April, and 1st July, 1861. Payments are to be made to MATTHEW GRISWOLD, Peoria, Treasurer of the Board.

LOCATION.	CHURCH.	NAMES OF CLERGY.	Assess ^{ts} .
Albion.....	St. John's.....	Robert Ryall.....	30
Algonquin.....	St. John's.....	John Foster.....	12
Altou.....	St. Paul's.....	John Foster.....	60
Amboy.....	St. Thomas.....	W. M. A. Brodnax.....	13
Aurora.....	Trinity.....	.....	37
Belvidere.....	Trinity.....	J. H. Waterbury.....	58
Bloomington.....	St. Matthew's.....	.....	40
Centralia.....	St. John's.....	J. W. Osborne.....	9
Chicago.....	Ascension.....	.....	37
".....	Atonement.....	.....	130
".....	Christ.....	C. E. Cheney.....	22
".....	Grace.....	Clinton Locke.....	107
".....	Holy Communion.....	.....	97
".....	St. Ansgarius.....	E. B. Tuttle.....	40
".....	St. James'.....	R. H. Clarkson, D.D.....	310
".....	St. John's.....	H. N. Bishop.....	100
".....	Trinity.....	James Pratt.....	200
Carlisle.....	St. Paul's.....	D. W. Dresser.....	8
Chester.....	St. Mark's.....	Wm. Mitchell, M.D.....	40
Chesterfield.....	St. Peter's.....	D. W. Dresser.....	5
Dixon.....	St. Luke's.....	A. J. Warner.....	27
Decatur.....	St. John's.....	W. M. Steele.....	35
Elgin.....	Redeemer.....	.....	27
Farmington.....	Calvary.....	John Benson.....	40
Farm Ridge.....	St. Andrew's.....	H. T. Heister.....	.....

Assessments continued—Treasurer's Accounts—Report of Com. on Act of Gen'l Assembly.

LOCATION.	CHURCH.	NAMES OF CLERGY.	Assess't.
Freeport.....	Zion.....	S. R. Weldon.....	48
Galena.....	Grace.....	J. H. Egar.....	78
Galesburg.....	Grace.....	W. T. Smithett.....	31
Geneseo.....	Trinity.....	.....	12
Geneva.....	St. Mark's.....	V. Spaulding.....	12
Knoxville.....	St. John's.....	W. T. Smithett.....	27
Grand Detour.....	St. Peter's.....	A. J. Warner.....	16
Jacksonville.....	Trinity.....	T. N. Morrison.....	76
Joliet.....	Christ.....	C. A. Gilbert.....	70
Hyde Park.....	St. Paul's.....	.....	14
Kewanee.....	St. John's.....	J. B. Richmond.....	43
Kickapoo.....	St. Luke's.....	J. R. West.....	10
Lacon.....	St. John's.....	C. P. Clark.....	15
Lee Centre.....	St. Paul's.....	W. M. Broadnax.....	19
Lewistown.....	St. James'.....	C. A. Bruce.....	18
Limestone.....	Christ.....	John Benson.....	27
Lockport.....	St. John's.....	S. Cowell.....	.....
Manhattan.....	St. Paul's.....	C. B. Stout.....	24
Marengo.....	Advent.....	J. H. Waterbury.....	30
Mattoon.....	Mission Station.....	J. W. Osborne.....	6
Moline.....	Grace.....	Geo. Sayres.....	10
Morris.....	St. Thomas.....	.....	22
Naperville.....	St. John's.....	.....	9
Ottawa.....	Christ.....	T. N. Benedict.....	90
Pekin.....	St. Paul's.....	C. F. Loop.....	28
Peoria.....	St. Paul's.....	Jos. M. Waite.....	90
Peru.....	St. Paul's.....	A. J. Warner.....	23
Pittsfield.....	.....	J. K. Stewart.....	10
Princeton.....	Redeemer.....	Geo. C. Street.....	20
Providence.....	Zion.....	Geo. C. Street.....	30
Polo.....	Trinity.....	S. T. Carpenter.....	27
Pre-emption.....	Grace.....	Geo. Sayres.....	30
Quincy.....	St. John's.....	A. Capron.....	134
Rockford.....	Emmanuel.....	M. Scofield.....	85
Robin's Nest.....	Christ.....	S. Chase, D.D.....	65
Rock Island.....	Trinity.....	.....	25
Salem.....	St. Thomas.....	J. W. Osborne.....	12
Springfield.....	St. Paul's.....	L. P. Clover.....	149
Sycamore.....	St. Peter's.....	W. H. Roberts.....	44
Tiskilwa.....	St. Jude's.....	Geo. C. Street.....	23
Utica.....	St. George's.....	J. A. Woodward.....	10
Warsaw.....	St. Paul's.....	W. L. Bostwick.....	30
Waukegan.....	Christ.....	.....	45
Waverly.....	Christ.....	.....	6
Wilmington.....	Redeemer.....	C. B. Stout.....	26
Wyoming.....	St. Luke's.....	Philander Chase.....	12

The accounts of the Treasurer, exhibiting the receipts and disbursement of the Bishop's salary, as well as the Fund for aiding superannuated Ministers are herewith submitted.

SAMUEL CHASE,

President Trustees Prot. Epis. Ch. Ills.

On motion, the accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopate Fund received with the above report, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1860.

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the Act passed by the Legislature

of this State in the Winter of 1860-61 and approved Feb. 21st, 1861, report :

Your Committee have examined the Act referred to, and find it purporting to be an Act, amendatory of the Act obtained in 1849, which incorporated the Trustees of the Diocese, and also purporting to repeal the Act of 1853, under which the Bishop of the Diocese is empowered to hold property for church and educational purposes.

Your Committee also find, that the Act, so far as it is amendatory of that of 1849, confers certain additional powers upon the Trustees, and imposes upon them duties, not contemplated by, or coming within the scope and purpose of the original Act, the assumption and exercise of which by the Trustees would, in all probability, jeopardize a large amount of church property in the Diocese, by confusing the chain of Title, and placing its stewardship in a body, not only liable to change by an annual election, but, by its very constitution, wholly incompetent to administer such interests without a permanent and salaried officer.

Your Committee furthermore find that the act in repealing the act of 1852, would in its operation wrest from the Bishop of the Diocese rights and immunities which every Bishop possesses by the virtue of his office, and which in this instance, have been civilly secured to our Diocesan in the act sought to be repealed ; and of which rights and privileges he ought not, and could not be divested by any mere legislative action.

In view of these facts your Committee cannot but regard the act of 1861 not only as contrary to the interests and well-being of the Church in this Diocese, but as unconstitutional and void.

There is one feature in connection with the passage of this Act upon which your Committee find themselves called upon to animadvert in unmistakable and decided disapproval ; and that is, that the Act in question was procured not only without the sanction of this body, or any other duly constituted authority having power to ask for such or similar legislation at the hands of the State, but without the knowledge, and irrespective of the wishes of the Diocese expressed or implied.

Under these circumstances your Committee recommend the adoption by this Convention of the following :

Whereas, the aforesaid Act, approved Feb. 21, 1861, was procured without the sanction of this Body, or the knowledge of any considerable portion of the Diocese, and is in many of its provisions detrimental to the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church ;

And whereas, a grave question exists as to its constitutionality or validity for the purposes therein set forth ; therefore

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be advised to regard the said Act, so far as it relates to himself, as unconstitutional and

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void; and the Bishop is hereby assured that in so doing he will be sustained by this Convention and the Diocese.

That the "Trustees of the Diocese" be, and hereby are, instructed not to assume the powers, or exercise the duties, so conveyed and set forth in the said Act of 1861, but confine themselves to the Act of 1849.

That the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee of this Body, with instructions, to memorialize the Legislature of this State to restore to their original provisions the aforesaid Acts of 1849 and 1853, and to repeal the Act of 1861.

SAMUEL CHASE,
T. N. BENEDICT,
L. B. OTIS,
FREDERICK STAHL,
A. CAMPBELL.

On motion, the preamble and resolutions appended to the above report, were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The Committee to whom were referred proposed alterations of the Constitution, report and recommend:

That Sec. 3, Art. X, entitled "STANDING COMMITTEE," be so amended as to read: "Any four of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum."

That Sec. 1, Art. XII, entitled "TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS," be so amended as to read as follows, viz: "Sec. 1. Fifteen of the Clergy entitled to seats in Convention, and Lay Delegates from ten of the Parishes entitled to representation, at any time duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; except that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time."

SAMUEL CHASE,

Chairman of Com. on Legislation.

The question being then taken upon the first Amendment, it was approved by the Convention. The second Amendment was in like manner approved,

and they thus lie over to be acted upon at the next Annual Convention.

AMENDMENTS OF CANONS.

The Committee to whom were referred proposed alterations of the Canons, report and recommend:

That Sec. 2, Canon VII, be amended by repealing all that Section after the words: "As the Bishop may designate."

That Sec. 2, Canon XX, entitled "OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN NOT BEING A BISHOP," be so amended as to read as follows, viz: "Sec. 2. The Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall appoint the time and place for the trial: the place must be within the Diocese. The Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, may postpone the trial, from time to time, for cause shown, or when justice requires it."

SAMUEL CHASE,

Chairman of Com. on Legislation.

The question on the Amendment to Sec. 2, Canon VII, being taken, it was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of both Orders in the Convention, as required by Canon. The Amendment to Sec. 2, Canon XX, was likewise adopted by the required two-thirds of both Orders.

EUPHEMIA HALL, MARENGO.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to "Euphemia Hall, Marengo," beg leave to present the following report:

Whereas, an Institution for Female Education has been established in this Diocese, at Marengo, McHenry County, by the Rev. I. P. Labagh, at the suggestion and under the auspices of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and has been for the past year in successful operation;

And whereas, the Bishop not only in his Address of last year, but also in that of the present, has called the attention of the Convention to it as being an Institution very desirable for the promotion of Female Education on Church principles;

And whereas, the Institution is not only located in a very healthful region, but is also admirably adapted by its arrangements and accommodations for a large and flourishing school;

And whereas, it is the intention of the Proprietor, as soon as it

is in successful operation, to make it auxiliary to the Missionary work of the Diocese, by contributing a portion of its income for the furtherance and support of Missions;

And whereas, we have now in addition to Jubilee College a want supplied which has long been felt, viz: a Church Institution for Female Education; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention cordially recommend to our Parishes and people "EUPHEMIA HALL," as a reliable and suitable place for the education of the daughters of the Church.

EDWARD P. WRIGHT, *Chairman*
S. C. SHERMAN,
S. W. STONE.

On motion the resolution reported by the Committee was adopted.

JUBILEE COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention upon so much of the Bishop's Ninth Annual Address as related to Jubilee College, presented the following report :

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to Jubilee College, would respectfully report :

That Jubilee College—established years ago by the late venerated and loved Bishop Chase—for the want of a just appreciation of its necessity and importance to the Diocese, continues, as in days past, to struggle on against fearful odds. In the wisdom of the Bishop, in connection with that of the Board of Trustees, it has been made now to assume a new character—more of the Theological than Collegiate form, and stands before the Church in this Diocese as a Training School where children and youth are to be disciplined, instructed, and fitted for the Church's work. At no period of its history has it stood in more need of our sympathy, our prayers, and our aid. The last year eight Students were supported by the funds of the Institution. This year eight stand ready to begin their work within its walls, but no assistance can now be proffered by the Institution itself. To this wealthy and growing Diocese, the value and importance of such a School of the Prophets' cannot be over-estimated.

With the Bishop at its head, and a corps of faithful, energetic Instructors to give to the youthful mind the right direction, shall it, Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, fail for lack of zeal, for lack

of support, on our part? Shall we send out our money into other channels, leaving this to struggle on with poverty and discouragement, or to die out altogether? Or shall we, one and all, resolve to combine our efforts, independent of all partizan feeling, all peculiar Church proclivities, and, by earnest and combined action, make it a praise and a glory in the land?

While the Church is a unit—and we are to aid it wherever we find it, in all its efforts for good—at the same time our strongest aid should be given at home. It cannot be denied that we have much land to possess, and to our own Institution, in a great measure, must we look for the men to establish and build up the Church of Christ in our midst.

In view of all these facts, shall we not at this present Convention, take some steps which shall place this School on a footing equal to those in other Dioceses? The Committee would, therefore, submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention hereby expresses its confidence in the movement that has placed Jubilee College in its present position as a Training School for the Ministry.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rector of every Parish, in union with the Convention, be requested to make an Annual Collection, or solicit such donations, or Annual Subscriptions, as the case may seem best in the judgment of the Rector, in aid of the General Beneficiary Fund of the Institution.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to a hearty and earnest Co-operation in the above work, so as to secure its efficiency and place it on a footing with other Church Schools in the West.

4. *Resolved*, That the Rector of each Parish in making a collection in behalf of Jubilee College, be requested to read the above resolutions to his people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. RICHMOND,
T. N. MORRISON,
JAMES CARTER,

On motion the resolutions reported by the Committee as above were adopted.

REPORT ON EXHIBITS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address, which refers to the suppression of the Exhibits, appended by him to his Address of last year, presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the suppression of certain papers, by the Secretary of the Convention in the publication of the Journal of 1860, beg leave to report :

That your Committee have examined the subject and the papers referred to, and in their estimation find them important in character, and in their bearing upon the subject matter to which they relate. They have reference to the final settlement of the title to the property, known as Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8, fractional section 15, addition to the City of Chicago, formerly held by the Bishop, by different tenures, for the purpose of a Bishop's Church and a private residence.

Your Committee are clearly of opinion that much of the misconception which has existed in the minds of Churchmen, in the Diocese, as well as out of it, in regard to this whole transaction, has arisen from want of that information which these papers supply.

They are referred to by the Bishop, in a note to his Address, as explanatory of the portion referring to the Compromise of the lots—were commented upon, and for the most part read in open Convention, in the way of explanation, and as of authority.

The late Secretary having, as we understand, failed to give the Bishop a satisfactory explanation of his action in their suppression, your Committee are, therefore, of opinion that they ought to have appeared in the Journal of last year as part and parcel of the Bishop's Address, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention fully recognizes the right of the Bishop to lay any and all matters he may think proper before the Convention and the Diocese, in his Address and appendices thereto. And inasmuch as neither the Convention nor any of its Officers has any right to alter, mutilate, or suppress any part of the same, this Convention disapproves the act of the late Secretary in suppressing the publication of the "Exhibits," appended to the Bishop's Address of last year.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be and hereby is instructed to bind with the Journal of this year, the papers so prepared and then suppressed.

JOHN BENSON, *Chairman*.
JAMES CARTER,
S. CORNING JUDD.

On motion the resolutions recommended by the Committee were adopted by the Convention.

A member having risen during the putting of the question, unperceived by the Chair, a reconsideration was moved, in courtesy, to allow the privilege of debate, which motion was carried, . A motion was then made to amend the first resolution by striking out the words "the late Secretary." The motion was lost.

On motion the Convention re-adopted the resolutions as recommended by the Committee.

REPORT OF "COMMITTEE ON FINANCE."

The Committee on Finance then made the following reports :

The Committee on Finance report, that they have examined the Reports of the Treasurer of the Missionary Fund, and of the Fund for the Contingent expenses of the Convention, and find the same correct.

L. P. CLOVER,
S. WILKINSON,
J. W. HANSEL.

The Committee on Finance having examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate, and of the Fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, find the same correct.

L. P. CLOVER,
S. WILKINSON,
J. W. HANSEL.

REPORT ON DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Diocesan Missions presented the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Diocesan Missions, respectfully report :

That the earnest words of the Bishop should be recommended to the special consideration of every member of the Diocese, and that each should resolve, in his sphere, to bear his part of the burden of labor and self-denial involved in the sustenance and expansion

Canonical provisions ample and explicit—Rights of all guarded—Results not adequate.

of the Church as an organic whole, acting as one Body in her Missionary operations.

The means devised for carrying on the Diocesan Missionary work, so far as it can be reached by Canonical enactment, are amply sufficient to execute it systematically, energetically, perseveringly, and to the full extent of the ability of the Diocese, and are in full accordance with the organic constitution and genius of the Church. They consist of the Board of Missions, of which the Bishop of the Diocese is the head, and the Standing Committee the body; the corps of Missionary Clergy nominated by the one and appointed by the other, and capable of indefinite increase; and a Canonical provision for a Fund to be created by collections, taken quarterly, which shall be administered by the Board of Missions in sustaining its appointees, where opportunity offers and need requires.

In the Constitution of the Board, the rights of all orders in the Church are guarded and sustained; the Bishop acting in his own person, and the Clergy and Laity by their respective representatives,—the clerical and lay members of the Standing Committee.

In the quarterly collections, opportunity is offered to every one to give systematically and at the proper time, according to the measure of his ability and the warmth of his zeal. And in the Missionaries themselves we have all the guarantees which the combined action of Bishop, Clergy and Laity in their appointment can give, that they are worthy the zealous support of the Church. It does not appear that this arrangement could be improved or simplified in any way, or that united, continuous, and co-ordinate action could be as well obtained by any other scheme.

It must be confessed, however, that the results attained in the missionary field fall far below what the means of the Church could accomplish, and her duty imposes. The Diocese is largely in arrears for amounts already pledged; and stations are unoccupied, which are not only full of promise for the future, but have a present claim, in members of the Church who are not able unassisted to sustain Clergy, and who are therefore deprived altogether of pastoral care. Nor can any irregular efforts made in the field of the Diocesan Board, by the perversion of the so-called voluntary principle, be taken as mitigating this censure; since there is abundant room for the safe action of that principle in connection with the constitutional authority of the Church, its perversion so as to ignore that authority, is liable to the grave charge of being schismatical and disloyal, not merely to any individuals, but to the Church itself, acting through its approved representatives.

The blame rests not upon the machinery by which missionary operations are carried on; but, we are constrained to say, upon the Clergy and Lay members of the Church, who do not give their active and liberal support to the fund, the scantiness of which cripples the

operations of the Board. The canonical obligations are binding upon all the members, indicating what should be the mode of their action, and requiring their hearty performance of their duty. The number of parishes, which are delinquent in making their collections, is not only sad and disheartening, but disgraceful. This remissness on the part of particular parishes would be wrong in the best times; but in the present crisis of the Church, when the question is, dismissing all thought of extension, whether we can "strengthen the things that remain," it is doubly wrong. From whatever other matters it is necessary to withdraw aid, the Diocesan missionary work is the last that should be neglected; and if it should be necessary to withdraw from participation in all other works outside of our own parishes, the efforts, for Diocesan Missions should be increased. Especially is it inexpedient to make contributions to objects not specially identified with the Church itself, and to ignore this which is essential to its very existence.

The Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the solemn duty of the Clergy, implied in their ordination vows, to obey the canonical provision on Diocesan Missions in the spirit as well as the letter—in the letter, by making the collections at the time, and transmitting them in the manner appointed; in the spirit by laboring earnestly by exhortation and preaching to interest their people in the missionary work; and that it is the duty of the laity, and they are hereby earnestly exhorted so to do, to make special exertions to sustain the Diocesan missionary operations in the present crisis of the Church.

JOHN H. EGAR, *Chairman*.
LOWBER BURROWS.
SAMUEL WILKINSON.

On motion, the resolution recommended by the Committee, was adopted.

ELECTIONS.

The next business in order being the Elections, the Convention proceeded to ballot for members of the Standing Committee. The Inspectors of Elections made their respective returns, from a comparison of which it appeared that the following had a majority of

the votes of both Orders on the first ballot, and were declared to be duly elected:

Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D.,	Hon. S. H. Treat,
“ Lewis P. Clover, D.D.,	Mr. Antrim Campbell,
“ Thomas N. Benedict,	“ J. T. Bradford.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Deputies to the General Convention. As the result of the first ballot the following, having, according to the reports of the respective tellers, received a majority of the votes of both Orders, were declared elected:

Rev. S. Chase, D.D.,	Hon. S. H. Treat,
“ T. N. Benedict,	“ L. B. Otis,
“ Alexander Capron,	Mr. Antrim Campbell,
“ John Benson,	“ Henry Asbury.

The votes of the Convention were then ordered and cast for Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois; and pending the report of the Inspectors of Election, the following resolutions were moved and adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church, and to the citizens of Ottawa, for their kind hospitality to members of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed 750 copies of the Journal, Bishop's Address and Rules of Order, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed 500 extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; and, also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

The Inspectors of Election then reported the following persons as having a majority of votes for Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, who were then declared duly elected by the concurrent vote of both Orders, on the first ballot :

Rev. S. Chase, D.D.,	Mr. H. S. Austin,
“ T. N. Benedict,	“ J. W. Hansel,
Mr. R. F. Seabury.	

On motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the following persons were elected Trustees of Jubilee College :

Rev. L. P. Clover, D.D.,	Rev. J. B. Richmond,
Mr. H. S. Austin.	

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop and two members of the Convention, to be appointed by the Bishop, are hereby constituted a Committee with authority to examine the books and papers of the Standing Committee, and prepare a report in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 3 of Art. X of the Constitution ; and that such report be printed in the Journal.

The Bishop appointed as this Committee the Secretary of the late Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Convention.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that they be prepared by the Bishop and Secretary for publication.

It was then moved and carried that the Convention take a recess until the close of the Missionary meeting, to be held at 7:30 this evening.

* For report of Committee see page 35.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After the Missionary meeting, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to make a collection for Diocesan Missions, at each of his Visitations in the Diocese, whenever he deems it expedient.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That after the customary religious exercises this Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop then made his closing address to the Convention; the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung, and after the prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

JOHN WILKINSON,

Secretary of Convention.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, will be held in the BISHOP'S CHAPEL, CHICAGO, on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, A. D. 1862.

JOHN WILKINSON,

Secretary of the Convention.

ABSTRACT

Of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois, for the year 1860-61, prepared by order of the Convention:

I. Sept. 20, 1860. Met for organization in the Richmond House, Chicago. Present, Rev. Dr. Clarkson, Rev. Messrs. Barton and Bishop, and Messrs. Ely and Kerfoot. Rev. Dr. Clarkson was elected President, and Rev. Mr. Barton, Secretary. The Treasurer of the Fund for the relief of aged and infirm Clergy was authorized to pay the sum of \$106 to Rev. Dr. Dresser.

II. Sept. 27. Met in the Church of the Holy Communion.—Present, Rev. Messrs. Clarkson and Barton, and Messrs. Otis, Kerfoot, and Ely. A communication was presented by Rev. Mr. Barton as Secretary of the Convention, stating that he had received a note from C. C. Parks, Esq., requesting permission to publish and have bound with the Journal of Convention, certain documents presented to the late Diocesan Convention by S. H. Kerfoot, Esq., and ruled out of order. Mr. B. asked the opinion of the Committee as to his duty in the premises. The Committee adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas, request has been made to the Secretary of the Convention to publish in the Journal certain documents extraneous to it, and he has asked the opinion of the Committee, therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to insert nothing in the Journal except that which was properly Conventional matter.

III. Oct. 22. Recommended Mr. J. Wainright Ray to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

IV. Nov. 22. Recommended Rev. John R. West, Deacon, to be ordained Priest.

V. Jan. 12, 1861. Recommended Mr. Erastus De Wolf, Jr., to be ordained Deacon.

VI. Feb. 11. Recommended Mr. Stephen T. Allen to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

VII. March 7. Communication from the Bishop of the Diocese read, requesting to be informed of the rule of action of the Committee in recommending Candidates for Orders under Sec. 8, Canon 2, Title I., when the Candidate had, for some time previous, been engaged in secular pursuits.

The Committee replied at considerable length, giving it as their opinion that where "ministers of other denominations," though engaged in secular pursuits, have not been regularly displaced from the ministry of the denomination of which they were members, they *must* recommend them as Candidates for Orders under the above Canon, and cannot act in any other way.

At the same meeting the Committee recommended Mr. John Cauch to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

VIII. May 2. Received the resignation of Rev. Mr. Barton, Secretary of Committee. Hon. L. B. Otis elected Secretary, and Rev. Clinton Locke elected to fill vacancy. Mr. Peter Arvidson and Mr. Alfred Cauldwell were also recommended to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders.

IX. Aug. 3. Signed testimonials of Mr. S. T. Allen, and recommended him to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

X. Aug. 24. Signed testimonials of Mr. John Cauch, and recommended him to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

XI. Sept. 5. Signed the testimonials of Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, Deacon, and recommended him to be ordained Priest. Also gave their consent, at the request of the Bishop, that the Rev. Jacob Bredberg, a minister of the Church of Sweden, might accept the call and be settled as minister of the Swedish portion of St. Ansgarius' Church.

XII. Sept. 6. Recommended the Rev. Salmon R. Weldon, Deacon, to be ordained Priest.

Acts, as "Board of missions" for the Diocese.

I. Sept. 27, 1860. Selected from the list of nominations, furnished by the Bishop, as Missionaries of the Board for the ensuing year:

Rev. S. D. Pulford, Miss., at Elgin ;	.....	stipend \$150,00
" H. T. Heister, " " Farmridge ;	...	" 150,00
" C. P. Clarke, " " Lacon ;	.....	" 150,00
" C. B. Stout, " " Manhattan, &c. ;	"	" 150,00
" John Benson, " " Farmington, &c. ;	"	" 150,00
" Geo. C. Street, " " Tiskilwa, &c. ;	"	" 200,00

II. No date. Received communication from the Bishop informing of the resignation, as Missionary of the Board, of the Rev. C. B. Stout ; which resignation was accepted. Confirmed nomination of Rev. J. W. Osborne as Missionary at a salary of \$200.

III. Jan. 20, 1861. Received letter from the Bishop, informing the Board of the removal of Rev. Mr. Pulford from the Diocese, and nominating Rev. Mr. Bruce as Missionary at Lewistown. The nomination of Mr. Bruce confirmed.

IV. Feb. 7. Received application from Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Pekin to have Rev. C. F. Loop, Rector of said Parish, appointed a Missionary of the Board; received also the Bishop's nomination of Rev. Mr. Loop as Missionary at Pekin. Nomination not confirmed on account of the exhausted condition of the Treasury.

JOHN WILKINSON,
LUCIUS B. OTIS.

CANON XIII.

PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS.

It shall be the duty of every Parish to contribute, and forward to each Annual Convention, a sum equal to fifteen cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese; and at the Annual Convention immediately preceding the Triennial meeting of the General Convention, an additional sum of ten cents for each communicant for the dues and expenses incident to that body; and it shall be also the duty of each Parish to pay, in regular quarterly payments, for the support of the Episcopate, a sum equal to one dollar for every communicant in the Parish, (the number of communicants to be determined by the last annual report,) until a fund shall be provided for that purpose. It shall further be the duty of each Parish to make quarterly collections in aid of Diocesan Missions on the third Sunday of December, March, June and September, the same to be forwarded by the Rector or Minister to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions. All such Parishes as fail to pay their quota of all assessments imposed by the authority of the Convention, shall not be entitled to representation, unless excused by the Convention by special vote.

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TREASURERS' REPORTS.

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, in account with Convention.*

	Dr.	Cr.
Collection at Missionary Meeting, Quincy, Sept. 13, 1860,.....	\$ 33 70	
St. Paul's, Peru,.....	2 00	
Trinity, Chicago,.....	3 10	
Christ Church, Ottawa,.....	58 25	
Redeemer, Elgin,.....	1 30	
Christ Church, Joliet,.....	36 98	
St. John's, Kewanee,.....	5 50	
Grace Church, Chicago,.....	64 00	
Christ Church, Robin's Nest,.....	20 22	
Holy Communion, Chicago,.....	21 33	
St. Paul's, Manhattan,.....	5 50	
St. John's, Decatur,.....	12 60	
St. James', Chicago,.....	150 00	
St. Peter's, Chesterfield,.....	9 50	
St. Paul's, Carlinville,.....	23 95	
St. Jude's, Tiskilwa,.....	6 06	
Zion, Providence,.....	5 18	
Redeemer, Princeton,.....	3 94	
Atonement, Chicago,.....	10 00	
St. John's, Chicago,.....	26 12	
St. Paul's, Peoria,.....	54 08	
Calvary, Farmington,.....	41 13	
Christ Church, Limestone,.....	17 21	
St. Mark's, Chester,.....	20 00	
St. Paul's, Warsaw,.....	9 25	
St. Andrew's, Farmridge,.....	8 00	
Trinity, Jacksonville,.....	60 00	
St. Paul's, Springfield,.....	21 55	
Advent, Marengo,.....	5 00	
St. John's, Quincy,.....	37 00	
<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$772 45	

Treasurers' Report, in account with Convention, continued.

	Dr.	Cr.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$772 45	
St. John's, Lacon,.....	2 10	
St. John's, Knoxville,.....	3 50	
Christ Church, Galesburg,.....	3 50	
Grace Church, Galena,.....	21 90	
St. James', Lewistown,.....	6 63	
Mrs. R. B. H., Griggsville,.....	2 50	
St. Peter's, Sycamore,....	5 00	
St. Paul's, Lee Centre,.....	2 52	
St. Thomas', Amboy,.....	1 00	
St. Thomas', Morris,.....	14 72	
St. John's, Naperville,.....	5 40	
Collection at Convention,.....	22 10	
Rev. J. H. Waterbury,.....		\$47 50
Rev. S. D. Pulford,.....		73 64
Rev. J. R. West,		73 38
Rev. G. C. Street,.....		126 18
Rev. C. B. Stout,.....		62 50
Rev. C. P. Clarke,.....		92 26
Rev. John Benson,.....		90 34
Rev. H. T. Heister,.....		63 00
Rev. John W. Osborne,.....		35 50
Rev. C. A. Bruce,.....		6 63
Rev. A. J. Warner,.....		50 00
Exchange and Incidentals,.....		5 95
Rev. H. T. Heister,.....		60 00
Rev. John Benson,.....		20 00
Rev. G. C. Street,.....		25 00
Rev. John W. Osborne,.....		28 04
Balance,.....		3 40
	\$863 32	\$863 32

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

OTTAWA, Sept. 11th, 1861.

Treasurers' Report, Contingent Fund—In account with Convention.

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer of Contingent Fund, in account with Convention,*

	Dr.	Cr.
Zion Church, Freeport,.....	\$ 5 40	
Atonement, Chicago,.....	32 50	
Christ Church, Waverly,.....	2 00	
St. Paul's, Carlville,.....	1 00	
St. Mark's, Chester,.....	10 00	
Christ Church, Joliet,.....	12 65	
Calvary, Farmington,.....	6 00	
Christ Church, Limestone,.....	4 05	
St. Paul's, Peoria,.....	13 50	
Trinity, Chicago,	50 00	
Holy Communion, Chicago,.....	24 25	
Grace, Chicago,.....	26 77	
St. Paul's, Springfield,.....	33 78	
St. James', Lewistown,.....	2 70	
St. Peter's, Chesterfield,.....	1 00	
St. Peter's, Grand Detour,.....	2 40	
St. Luke's, Dixon,.....	4 05	
St. Andrew's, Farmridge,.....	9 30	
St. Thomas', Amboy,.....	3 25	
Grace, Galesburg,	7 65	
St. John's, Knoxville,.....	6 75	
Ascension, Chicago,.....	4 65	
St. John's, Lacon,.....	2 25	
Grace, Galena,.....	15 00	
St. Peter's, Sycamore,.....	5 25	
St. John's, Kewanee,.....	8 20	
St. Paul's, Warsaw,.....	7 50	
St. Jude's, Tiskilwa,.....	7 70	
Redeemer, Princeton,.....	3 75	
Zion, Providence,.....	13 25	
St. John's, Quincy,.....	19 50	
St. James, Chicago,.....	36 00	
Christ Church, Ottawa,.....	22 50	
St. Luke's, Wyoming,.....	3 00	
St. John's, Decatur,.....	7 35	
St. John's, Chicago,.....	13 65	
St. Paul's, Lee Centre,.....	4 40	
Trinity, Jacksonville,.....	12 00	
Christ Church, Robin's Nest,.....	15 75	
	\$460 70	

Treasurer's Report, Contingent Fund, continued—Delinquent Parishes, 1861.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance due Treasurer on account, 1860,.....		\$ 77 20
Herman Cope, Treas. of Gen. Con., additional assessment of Diocese,.....		41 65
Scott & Co., Journal, 1860,.....		248 95
Rev. E. B. Tuttle,.....		5 82
Rev. John O. Barton, Secretary,.....		4 20
Rev. S. D. Pulford, Secretary,.....		1 10
Circular, Postage and Exchange,.....		5 31
Balance,.....		76 47
	\$460 70	\$460 70

T. N. MORRISON, *Treasurer.*

OTTAWA, September 11th, 1861.

LIST OF DELINQUENT PARISHES, 1861.

(CONTINGENT FUND.)

Albion, St. John's.....	\$ 5 55
Alton, St. Paul's, 1858-59-60.....	39 60
Aurora, Trinity.....	5 55
Belvidere, Trinity.....	8 70
Bloomington, St. Matthew's.....	16 00
Chicago, Christ.	3 30
“ St. Ansgarius'	6 00
Lockport, St. John's, 1859-60.....	13 20
Morris, St. Thomas.....	7 80
Rockford, Emmanuel.....	12 75
Rock Island, Trinity.....	3 75

Treasurer's Report, Episcopate Fund.

*Report of MATTHEW GRISWOLD, Treasurer Episcopate Fund,
year ending September 11th, 1861.*

		Dr.	Cr.
1860. Sept.	To balance of last Report,...\$21 00 less short received of Centralia, retained,... 7 00	14 00	
	St. Luke's, Dixon,.....	9 00	
	St. Peter's, Grand Detour,.....	7 00	
October,	St. John's, Decatur,.....	9 00	
	Christ Church, Joliet,.....	17 75	
	St. Jude's, Tiskilwa,.....	17 00	
	Zion Church, Providence,.....	10 50	
December	Grace Church, Galena,.....	4 00	
	Christ Church, Limestone,.....	5 00	
1861. January,	St. Mark's, Chester,.....	10 00	
	St. John's, Decatur,.....	9 00	
February,	St. Andrew's, Farmridge,.....	5 00	
	Christ Church, Joliet,.....	17 75	
April,	Christ Church, Robin's Nest,...	14 28	
	St. Mark's, Chester,.....	10 00	
	St. John's, Decatur,.....	8 00	
June,	St. Paul's, Warsaw,.....	12 13	
	St. Mark's, Chester,.....	10 00	
August,	St. John's, Decatur,.....	9 00	
Sept. 5,	St. Mark's, Chester,...	10 00	
	Calvary Church, Farmington,...	30 00	
	Christ Church, Limestone,.....	9 00	
Sept. 12,	St. Paul's, Peoria,.....	52 30	
	Christ Church, Limestone,.....	18 00	
	Christ Church, Robin's Nest,...	6 50	
	Trinity, Rock Island,.....	13 00	
	St. Paul's, Springfield.....	66 50	
	Grace Church, Chicago,.....	45 00	
	Christ Church, Waukegan,.....	10 00	
	St. Paul's, Carlinville,.....	8 00	
	St. Peter's, Chesterfield,.....	5 00	
	St. James', Lewistown,.....	18 00	
	Trinity, Jacksonville,.....	76 00	
	St. Andrew's, Farmridge,.....	7 50	
	St. John's, Chicago,.....	29 00	
	St. Jude's, Tiskilwa,.....	23 00	
	Carried forward,.....	\$625 21.	

Treasurer's Report, Episcopate Fund, continued.

		Dr.	Cr.
	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$625 21	
	To St. Peter's, Sycamore,.....	15 00	
	St. Paul's, Warsaw,.....	17 89	
	Christ Church, Ottawa,.....	20 00	
	Zion Church, Brimfield,	12 00	
	St. Paul's, Peru,.....	15 00	
	St. John's, Albion,.....	10 00	
1860.			
Sept.	By paid Bishop Whitehouse am't nett receipt Centralia at Quincy,		\$ 14 00
Nov.	Bishop Whitehouse on account,		70 00
1861.			
April,	Paid Bills printing Circulars and Postage,.....		8 00
Feb.	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Farmridge,		5 00
April,	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Peoria,		70 00
	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Warsaw,		12 13
Sept. 15,	Postage on Circulars,.....		3 00
	Discount on \$10 Missouri Bill, 50c,		11 50
Sept. 13,	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Ottawa,		477 58
	Sundry payments remitted,.....		54 89
		\$715 10	\$715 10



Treasurer's Report, Episcopate Fund, continued.

		Dr.	Cr.
	<i>Brought forward</i> ,.....	\$625 21	
	To St. Peter's, Sycamore,.....	15 00	
	St. Paul's, Warsaw,.....	17 89	
	Christ Church, Ottawa,.....	20 00	
	Zion Church, Brimfield,	12 00	
	St. Paul's, Peru,.....	15 00	
	St. John's, Albion,.....	10 00	
1860. Sept.	By paid Bishop Whitehouse am't nett receipt Centralia at Quincy,		\$ 14 00
Nov. 1861. April,	Bishop Whitehouse on account, Paid Bills printing Circulars and Postage,.....		70 00 8 00
Feb.	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Farmridge,.....		5 00
April,	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Peoria,		70 00
	Paid Bishop Whitehouse at Warsaw,.....		12 13
Sept. 15,	Postage on Circulars,.....		3 00
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ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS

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PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1861.

Albion, St. John's, Rev. Robert Ryall.

Number of families, 42; total of souls, 210.

Baptisms—infants, 8. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Communicants—added anew, 4; by removal, 3; removed from, 1; died, 2; total, 31.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 4; total, 5. Scholars—male, 25; female, 9; total, 34. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 40.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 100; other days; Fridays in Lent, 8.

The Holy Communion—public, 16; private, 1. Alms—Thanksgiving and Day of public humiliation, nearly \$40.00.

Contributions—domestic missions, \$3; Episcopate, \$19.50, at this date; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$10; for Kansas, \$9.

Extreme sickness prevented the Rector from being able to attend to the preparation of this report: the facts are, however, at this time, as nearly correct as they can be. The depressed state of commerce and agriculture that generally prevails has militated so much against the people of this section of the country also, that the financial affairs of this Parish will suffer much by their circumstances. I have consented to stay, in order that the Church may be kept open for the coming year, though at this time they have pledged not more than half the amount of maintenance that last year they found it easy to give. Inducements offered in the way of teaching and a private arrangement at this time of living less expensively, alone enable me to hope to remain at the post.

Alton, St. Paul's, Rev. John Foster.

Baptisms—infants, 24; adults, 9; total, 33. Burials, 1.

Communicants—died, 1.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Thomas', Amboy—Messiah, Arcadia.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 3; female, 8; total, 11. Scholars, 80. Upper Alton—teachers, 8; scholars, 70.

Celebration of Divine Service—on Sundays, 2 times; other days, occasional.

Holy Communion—once a month. Alms, \$14.13.

This report reaches back only to last Easter. It is defective from the fact, there is as yet no way of even an approximation to a knowledge of many things called for. The Parish had no records of such matters. My personal and official acts are all that can be given.

Amboy, St. Thomas', . . . Rev. W. M. A. Brodnax.

Number of families, 13; total of souls, 40.

Baptisms—infants, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Communicants—removed from, 4; total, 9.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 1; total, 2. Scholars, 24.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 47.

Holy Communion—public, 12. Alms, \$9.35.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$1.60; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$1.95; Parish purposes, \$80.

Arcadia, Messiah, . . . Rev. Philander Chase.

Communicants—removed from, 2; total, 6.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 1; total, 2. Scholars—male, 10; female, 4; total, 14.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 50.

Holy Communion—public, 2; private, 2.

I have kept no record of the number of times I have preached, but have endeavored to hold a service every other Sunday in a school-house in the neighborhood when the weather was favorable; but as the congregations were sometimes only the Sunday School children, I did not always preach. On the afternoon of nearly every Sunday I had the service at my own house, at which some of the neighbors have attended. I preached and administered the Communion in Wyoming on Christmas day; also have had Communion twice with the Visitation Service, and once at my own house. Since the Convention, the Wardens and Vestry of Wyoming have requested me to again hold regular service, stating that

they would do something in the way of support; what that something will be, I know not. I have agreed to go every other Sunday.

Belvidere, Trinity, . . . Rev. Isaac P. Labagh.

Number of families—Belvidere, 34; Mt. Shattuck's Grove, 25; total of souls, about 250.

Baptisms—infants, 3; adult, 1; total 4. Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5. Communicants—added anew, 3; by removal, 3; removed from, 4; died, 1; total, 32.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 3; female, 4; total, 7. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 1st Sunday in the month.

Celebration of Divine Service—twice each Lord's Day and on Christmas; Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, with occasional Friday evening service, and monthly at Shattuck's Grove, with occasional exceptions.

The Holy Communion—public, 12; Missions—domestic, \$3; foreign, \$3; Parish purposes, 750 dollars.

The present Rector entered upon his parochial duties, August 12th, 1860. Found the Parish feeble and somewhat disheartened by frequent changes and irregular services. A debt of over \$1,800 was pressing upon it, \$1,120 of which was secured by mortgage on the Church property, the remainder was floating debt. By strenuous exertions the floating debt has been paid during the year, leaving only due the mortgage debt. In addition, the Parish has obtained the use of a fine organ and bell; the cost of the transportation of which from New York and putting up amounted to near \$150. These extra expenses, very onerous for so small a band, have made it impossible for them to contribute to the several objects required by Canon. Added to the fewness of our numbers, the pressure of the times has also sadly diminished our means of contributing to the cause of the Redeemer. Our only excuse for neglecting so many of the collections required by Canon is the amount of Parish indebtedness which required immediate attention and could no longer be deferred.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's, . . . Rev. James W. Coe.

Number of families, 34.

Baptisms—infants, 2. Burials, 2. Communicants—removed from, 3; died, 1; total, 33.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Zion, Brimfield—St. Paul's, Carlinville—St. John's, Centralia.

Sunday School—teachers; total 8. Scholars; total, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 44; other days, 1.

The Holy Communion—public, 5. Parish purposes, \$70.

The present Rector has been in charge but about four months, and his report is necessarily defective.

Brimfield, Zion, Vacant.

Number of families, 6; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 35.

Baptisms—infants, 2; total, 2. Communicants—total, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 4.

The Holy Communion—public, 1. Alms, \$7.00. Episcopate, \$13.00.

Rev. Mr. Sayres preached 4 times and took the collections.

Carlinville, St. Paul's, . . . Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Number of families, 8; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 35.

Baptisms—infants, 7; adult, 1; total, 8. Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 4; Burials, 1. Communicants—added anew, 1; removed from, 3; total, 6.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 44.

The Holy Communion—public, 5; private, 1.

Missions—Diocesan, \$23.95; domestic, \$6.25; Episcopate, \$8.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$1.00; Parish Purposes, \$106.55.

Centralia, St. John's, . . . Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Number of families, 8; individuals not thus included, 19; total of souls, 41.

Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 2; by removal, 12; removed from, 6; died, 2; total, 15.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 2; total, 4. Scholars—male, 10; female, 24; total, 34. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 52; catechumens, 19.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 52; other days, 1.

Holy Communion—public, 4.

Contributions—Parish purposes, \$4.

The Sunday School library is quite large—about 480 volumes. The service of the Church has been well sustained by the Lay Reader. I have spent one Sunday every three months in the Parish; preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Chester, St. Mark's, . . . Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M.D.

Number of families, 35; individuals not thus included, 14; total of souls, 176.

Baptisms—infants, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 1; by removal, 2; removed from, 9; died, 1; total, 34.

Sunday School—teachers: female, 5. Scholars—male, 14; female, 16; total, 30. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 5; catechumens, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 61; other days, 20; total, 81.

Holy Communion—public, 11; private, 3. Alms, \$8.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$20; Episcopate, \$40; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$5; Parish purposes, \$34.55; other Church offerings, \$85.15.

From the above statistical report some may infer that the Parish is declining in numbers; but the real causes are: first, no Confirmations within the past year, and the number who are in the army and were Communicants in my Parish, are deducted. Second, the removals occasioned by the depressed state of business, combining with other causes over which we had no ministerial control. We have still a united and working Parish, and look forward to the future in hope of greater fruits and an abundant harvest gathered into the Garner of Heaven. The crowning evidence of the sound condition of my little Parish is, notwithstanding the severe financial depressions and derangement in all branches of business, it has paid in full all demands on it up to the end of this Conventional year, 1861.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Number of families, 16; individuals not thus included, 5; total of souls, 90.

Baptisms—infants, 1. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 5. Communicants—added anew, 2; total, 7.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Ansgarius', Chicago—Ascension, Chicago.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 46; other days, 9.

Holy Communion—public, 4.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$9.40; domestic, \$3. Episcopate, \$5. Contingent expenses of Diocese, \$0.62½. Parish purposes, \$232.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius', . . . Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle.

Number of families, 50; individuals not thus included, 13; total of souls, 301.

Baptisms—infants, 26. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 11. Burials, 18. Communicants—added anew, 15; by removal, 3; removed from, 16; total, 46.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 8; female, 8; total, 16. Scholars—male, 30; female, 36; total, 66. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12; catechumens, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 102; other days, 22.

Holy Communion—public, 12; private, 2. Alms, \$27.66.

Contributions—Parish purposes, \$337.24. Charities, \$638.

“The City Mission and Church Home,” incorporated by the last Legislature, is doing an active work among the poor and the needy. The objects of the Mission are to help the poor to help themselves; to afford ministerial services to those who are destitute of religious privileges; and ultimately to build up a home of Charity which will be a shelter for the sick and destitute stranger.

Chicago, Ascension, Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Number of families, 42; total of souls about 168.

Baptisms—infants, 5. Burials, 2. Communicants—added anew, 19; by removal, 14; removed, 1; total, 45.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 3; female, 7; total, 10. Scholars, 63. Public catechetical instruction—School superintended and addressed weekly by Rector.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 54; other days, 5.

Holy Communion—public, 7. Alms, \$29.61.

Contributions—Parish purposes, about \$350.

I took charge of this Parish on the 1st of March. It was then very weak—almost defunct—the services having been suspended for some considerable time. The congregation and Sunday School have steadily improved: the former are double what they were;

the latter has about quintupled. Some seventeen or eighteen new families have been added during the six months of my incumbency, thus, in a great measure, supplying the places of those reported to last Convention, very many of whom cannot now be found, owing probably to removals or other causes. Our pecuniary strength is, however, but small; but there is every reason to labor in faith and love. The Rector is greatly encouraged. The Church is a necessity in its location; and, with God's blessing, we shall hope to see its congregation largely increased during the coming Conventional year.

Recently considerable sums for us have been subscribed towards paying off the interest on the Church debt, and for much-needed improvements in the Church edifice. For the reason and because of the smallness of our revenue, it has been impossible to aid external objects.

Chicago, Atonement, Vacant.

Number of families, 10; total of souls, 10.

Baptisms—infants, 15. Marriages, 6. Burials, 1. Communicants—removed from, 120; total, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 54; other days, 57.

Holy Communion—public, 7.

Contingent expenses of Diocese, \$30; Parish purposes, about \$150.

The Vestry of the Church of the Atonement having, since the last Convention, transferred their title and interest in their Church building and property to the Bishop, the Wardens beg leave to present the following "matters of fact, as bearing upon the state of the Parish."

Their only title to the property was a contract of purchase, which expired May 1st, 1857—upon which was due about \$3,050 (\$860 being interest accrued since May 1st, 1857), and legal steps alone were necessary for the owner to resume possession. A mortgage upon the Church property for over \$800 was also held by the first Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Dudley Chase. This mortgage contained a power of sale, without redemption, at the Court House door, after giving ten days' notice. This indebtedness was all due and mostly drawing interest at ten per cent., and the attorney of Rev. Mr. Chase was pressing payment. The income of the Church being barely sufficient to meet current expenses, the Vestry were unable even to pay the interest on this indebtedness. Finding themselves without any reasonable prospect of extricating the Parish from this embarrassed condition, they determined to offer the

property to the Bishop as the only possible way of paying off the encumbrances, and still retaining it for the use of the Church. The Trustees, accordingly, transferred all their interest in the Church property to the Bishop, who has adjusted the encumbrances and now holds the title. The transfer of title was executed on the 4th day of March, 1861.

The Rev. John O. Barton, who had been Rector of the Parish since June, 1858, tendered his resignation to the Vestry on the 9th day of February, 1861, which was accepted. He continued to officiate until March 17th; after which time the Bishop took possession of the Church as his Chapel, and has since supplied it with regular services. It is now in process of enlargement to thrice its present size. The Parish having thus neither Church building nor Rector, the Sunday School, Congregation, and Communicants have, with very few exceptions, continued to worship in the Bishop's Chapel, and have connected themselves, pastorally, with the Bishop.

REUBEN TAYLER, }
L. P. CHENEY, } *Wardens.*

Chicago, Christ, Rev. Chas. E. Cheney.

Number of families, 50; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 210.

Baptisms—infants, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Communicants—added anew, 12; by removal, 12; removed from, 6; total, 34.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 6; female, 12; total, 18. Scholars, 150. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 92; other days, 25.

Holy Communion—public, 10. Alms, \$50.61.

Contributions—Parish purposes, \$1200; other Church offerings, \$30.

Since the last Convention the increase of our congregation imperatively demanded an enlargement of the Church edifice. Accordingly, the work was undertaken last spring. The size of the building was augmented by one-third, a belfry built, a small gallery made for the accommodation of the choir and the melodeon, and the whole Church carpeted and cushioned uniformly.

The expenses of the entire improvement involved an outlay of over \$1,000. To accomplish the object in view without burthening a young and struggling Parish with a heavy debt, has required

the utmost exertion on the part of those interested in the prosperity of the Church. The result has been to divert the contributions of the Parish from other most important objects, which, in these times of financial embarrassment, have been regarded as secondary to the absolute necessity of accommodating those who desired to worship with us.

Chicago, Grace, Rev. Clinton Locke.

Number of families, 100; individuals not thus included, 100; total of souls, 500.

Baptisms—infants, 30; adults, 4; total, 34. Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 7. Burials, 18. Communicants—added anew, 16; by removal, 33; removed from, 34; died, 2; total, 120.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 5; female, 10; total, 15. Scholars—male, 50; female, 70; total, average number, 120. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, every Sunday; catechumens, the Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 110; other days, 100.

Holy Communion—public, 14; private, 1. Alms, \$139.17.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$64; Episcopate, \$45; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$28.70; aged and infirm Clergymen, \$25; Parish purposes, \$2,035; other Church offerings, \$160.

There is daily service in Lent, and service on all Holy Days. Under the head of "Other Church Offerings," are included contributions to Nashotah, Jubilee College, City Mission, and a horse for Rev. Mr. Street.

Chicago, St. James', Robert H. Clarkson.

Number of families, 274; individuals not thus included, 115; total of souls, 1584.

Baptisms—infants, 64; adults, 7; total, 71. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 27. Burials, 19. Communicants—added anew, 30; by removal, 10; removed from, 28; died, 8; total, 313.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 14; female, 16; total, 30. Scholars: male, 142; female, 200; total, 342. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12; Catechumens, 342.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 121.

The Holy Communion—public, 13; private, 11. Alms, \$412.35.

Missions—Diocesan, \$150; domestic, \$25.00; contingent expenses, \$46.95; aged and infirm clergymen, \$30.00; Parish purposes, \$14,500.00; other Church offerings, \$890.00.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. John's, Chicago—Trinity, Chicago.

Chicago, St. John's, . . . Rev. H. Nelson Bishop.

Number of families, 120; total of souls, 650.

Baptisms—infants, 33; adults, 2; total, 35. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 11. Burials, 20. Communicants—added anew, 11; by removal, 9; removed from, 28; died, 2; total, 90.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 12; female, 18; total, 30. Scholars: male, 125; female, 175; total, 300. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12; Catechumens, all the Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 45.

The Holy Communion—public, 12. Alms, \$139.

Missions—Diocesan, \$26.12½; domestic, \$15.30; Episcopate, \$29; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$13.50; Parish purposes, \$625; other church offerings: Pastoral Aid Society, \$25; sufferers in Kansas, \$37.25; Sunday School, \$275; education of young men for the ministry, \$50.05; total, \$2,303.72½.

The prospects of St. John's Parish have apparently never been better than at present. The pews are very generally rented. The congregation, especially in the morning, quite fills the Church. During the past year a fine organ has been purchased, and the means mostly provided with which to pay for it.

The continued prosperity of the Sunday School is owing in a great degree to the earnest and persevering efforts of its superintendent, Mr. C. Hesler and his faithful band of teachers. It is the custom of the teachers to meet every Wednesday evening for prayer, and consultation, and for studying the lesson for the following Sunday.

The Rector acknowledges with gratitude many substantial acts of kindness from his parishioners to himself and family.

Chicago, Trinity, . . . Rev. James Pratt.

In making his annual report to the Bishop, the Rector of Trinity desires to say, that he finds it impossible to fill the printed form with which he has been furnished. In the statistics which follow, he has been guided by this form, and has approached it as nearly as possible.

Baptisms—infants, 23; adult, 1; total, 24.

Confirmed, 1 with a class in the Bishop's Chapel. Marriages, 12. Burials, 16, beside reading the Service over ten unrecognized bodies found after the wreck of the "Lady Elgin."

Communicants—added anew, 12; by removal, 14; died, 4; total number of communicants at this date, 160.

Our Sunday Schools, Parish and Mission, number 146 scholars and 27 teachers.

Communion—alms, \$238.08; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$30.00; building the new Church, \$33,850.00; incidental expenses of the Parish, \$6000.00; Easter offerings, \$2698.89 to various objects, viz: for organ, bell, &c., in new Church, \$412.00; Pastoral Aid Society, \$506.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$60.00; American Church Missionary Society, \$100; Children's Home in Iowa, \$15.00; Sunday School of Trinity Church, \$55.00; City Tract Society, \$100.00. Foreign Missions, \$50; general objects, \$1,179.00; American Tract Society, \$10.00; Seamen's Friend Society \$10; Rector's disposal, \$201.89; special collection for Kansas and the poor, \$103.71. Total amount for the year, not including the lot on which the new Church stands, \$42,920.68.

We are happy to report that the Parish is in a most healthy and prosperous condition. The congregation is large and constantly increasing. In consequence of our unsettled condition for some time past, the rite of confirmation has not been administered during the past conventional year. We have a class now in preparation and waiting the Bishop's convenience.

In our last report we gave the number of Communicants at 200. A more careful revision of the list has satisfied us that that number was too large. It is not easy, in a large city and in an old and widely extended Parish, to ascertain the position of all whose names may appear upon the list, and especially is it difficult, if, in preceding years, there has been a lack of carefulness in correcting that list. A large number of those reported in years past, have gone into new organizations, more or less remote from the centre of the city, while still their names have been allowed to stand upon our record. On the whole, it is believed that the number above given is as near an approach to the fact as we can make in our present circumstances.

Collinsville, Christ, Rev. A. Crouch.

Number of families, 21; number of souls, 104. Baptisms—infants, 5. Number of communicants found in the Parish, June 1st, 1861, 18. Sunday School—teachers. 8. Scholars, about 30; catechised in Church every alternate Sunday. An interesting Bible class has been formed, and is taught by the Minister in charge.

Having been in this Parish only about three months, I can say but little in regard to its future prospects; thus far the services have been well attended, and a good degree of interest manifested. As would naturally be expected, I found this Parish in a very low state, it having been vacant for six years, viz: from the time of

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. John's, Decatur—St. Luke's, Dixon.

Mr. Darrow's death until the first of June last, at which time my ministration commenced; since that date, I have preached here every alternate Sunday and twice on other days, administered the sacrament of baptism to five infants. In addition to my labors in this place, I have visit Bellville 3 times, Edwardsville 6 times. In all these places we have church buildings, and a few scattering people calling for the Church.

We feel indebted to the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society for a donation of 31 Prayer Books, 15 Bibles, 25 Testaments, and a large number of tracts; and to the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union for a Sunday School library.

Decatur, St. John's, Rev. W. M. Steel.

Number of families, 40; individuals not thus included, 8; total of souls, 190.

Baptisms—infants, 18; adults, 1; total 19. Burials, 2. Communicants—added anew, 1; by removal, 6; removed from, 4; died, 1; total, 33.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 5; female, 6; total, 11. Scholars: male, 39; female, 37; total, 76. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 101; other days, 38.

The Holy Communion—public, 14; private, 1. Alms, \$31.25; Missions—Diocesan, \$12.60; domestic, \$5.85; foreign, \$3.33; Episcopate, \$35.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$5.25; aged and infirm clergymen, \$3.75; Parish purposes—Parish library, \$65.00; organ, \$400; contingent expenses of Parish, \$21.21; other church offerings—Bible and Common Prayer Society, \$5.60; Church Book Society, \$5.00; Bibles for soldiers, \$3.00.

Dixon, St. Luke's, A. J. Warner.

Number of families, 25; individuals not thus included, 12; total of souls, 89.

Baptisms—infants, 4; adults, 4; total, 8. Confirmed 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Communicants—added anew, 1; by removal, 1; removed from, 5; died, 1; total, 22.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 6; female, 7; total, 13. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 4.

The Holy Communion—public, 6; private, 1. Alms, \$16.30; Missions—Diocesan, \$2.10; domestic, \$2.50; Episcopate, \$7; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$0.75; Parish purposes, \$75.00.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Calvary, Farmington—St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.

My time being divided between this Parish and Grand Detour, the services have been less frequent than they should otherwise have been. I have also officiated 4 times at places down the river, at Stirling and Como, where is an important field for the Church to occupy.

Farmington, Calvary, . . . Rev. John Benson.

Number of families, 21 ; individuals not thus included, 9 ; total of souls, 81.

Baptisms—infants, 7 ; total, 7. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Communicants—added anew, 1 ; removed from, 4 ; total, 34.

Sunday School—teachers : male, 2 ; female, 4 ; total, 6. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 9 ; catechumens, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 40 ; other days, 20.

The Holy Communion—public, 8 ; private, 1. Alms ; \$28.53 ; Missions—Diocesan, \$41.13 ; domestic, \$7.00 ; foreign, \$7.00 ; Episcopate, \$30.00 ; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$6.00 ; Parish purposes, \$40.00.

With respect to the state of the Parish, the Rector can say little beyond what the above figures record. In a community rent into many factions, each claiming to be the Church of Christ, the solemn services of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, find few to admire. The Rector feels that his duty or work is to strengthen the faith and love of the few faithful, rather than to enlarge the borders of Zion. In addition to the services reported here and in the report from Christ Church, Limestone, the Rector has preached seven or eight times in other places.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's, . . . Rev. H. T. Hiester.

Number of families, 26 ; total of souls, 130.

Baptisms—infants, 9 ; adults, 1 ; total, 10. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 2 ; by removal, 1 ; removed from, 2 ; total, 43.

Sunday School—teachers : male, 4 ; female, 5 ; total, 9. Scholars : male, 23 ; female, 24 ; total, 47.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 60 ; other days, 5.

The Holy Communion—public, 11 ; private, 1. Alms, \$27.36 ; Missions—Diocesan, \$8 ; Episcopate, \$12.50 ; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$6.15 ; Parish purposes, \$4.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Zion, Freeport—Grace, Galena.

Freeport, Zion, Rev. Salmon R. Weldon.

Number of families, 57; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 225.

Baptisms—infants, 6; adults, 3; total, 9. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 6; by removal, 1; removed from, 4; total, 44.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 8; total, 10. Scholars: male, 10; female, 50; total, 60.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 85; other days, 15.

The Holy Communion—public, 1. Alms, \$3.25; Parish purposes, \$785.00; other church offerings, \$10.00.

We have been exerting ourselves, during the past year, to enlarge our house of worship. When nearly completed, it was destroyed by a storm. In this effort we have absorbed our means, and are now without any house of worship. We are using the Presbyterian Church in this place for the present, and are endeavoring to re-build. Aside from this, our church seems in a very hopeful condition.

Galena, Grace, Rev. John H. Eggar.

Number of families, 62; individuals not thus included, 14; total of souls, about 250.

Baptisms—infants, 29; adults, 2; total, 31. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 4; by removal, 1; removed from, 6; total, 77.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 4; female, 8; total, 12. Scholars: male, about 30; female, about 40; total, about 70. Public catechetical instruction each Lord's day; catechumens, the scholars of the Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, about 90; other days, about 40.

The Holy Communion—public, 14; private, 1. Alms, \$51.69; Missions—Diocesan, \$22.05; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$15.00; Parish purposes, \$250.00; other church offerings; for Sunday School books, \$34.18.

The present Rector assumed charge of this Parish on the 1st of February last. There was a cessation of services between that time and the resignation of the Rev. H. M. Thompson. The statistics are made out for the whole Conventional year, as nearly as can be ascertained from the records. The Rector has nothing to add, except the expression of his regret that too many of the parishoners

seem to have made a single attendance on public worship on the Lord's day, the measure of their devotion, and that seldom more than half the number of those reported as communicants are present at Communion. Such remissness cannot consist with a holy, religious state of mind and heart.

Galesburg, Grace, . . . Rev. William T. Smithett.

Number of families, 41; individuals not thus included, 18; total of souls, 120.

Baptisms—infants, 7; adults, 2; total, 9. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Communicants—added anew, 8; by removal, 6; removed from, 11; died, 1; total, 33.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 6; total, 7. Scholars: male, 2; female, 26; total, 28. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 14.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 90; other days, 46.

The Holy Communion—public, 10. Alms, \$65, including weekly offering; Missions—Diocesan, \$5.

The depreciation of currency, war, and the low price of produce have conspired to weaken this promising Parish very materially. Still, the Church has been built and occupied at an outlay of some \$4,500, of which \$1,500 has been raised within the Parish, since the rising of last Convention, which together with the nett proceeds of aid from Churches abroad, leaves the Parish less than \$2000 in debt, with a handsome property valued as above to offset the indebtedness, and insured, (with appurtenances,) for \$2,500. In view of the state of the times, we have much cause for thankfulness.

Occasional services have been held by the Rector in Mommouth, Oquawka, Macomb and Prairie City, where some of the Baptisms have been solemnized. The Bishop also confirmed two of the candidates enumerated in the Galesburg list, at Mommouth, where a Parish has also been organized in due form, and which, when the time improves, will call a minister to serve the congregation. In all the above places as reported last year, are found excellent materials for future parishes.

Geneseo, Trinity, . . . Rev. A. Clark.

Number of families, 19; individuals not thus included, 12; total of souls, 62.

Baptisms—infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5. Communicants—added anew, 2; total, 12.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Peter's, Grand Detour—Trinity, Jacksonville.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 4; total, 6. Scholars, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 44; other days, 1.

The Holy Communion—public, 3.

The above report dates from Easter Sunday. Prior to that, and during the present Conventional year, the undersigned preached sundry times in Lane, attended one funeral, and solemnized one marriage in Rockford.

Grand Detour, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. A. J. Warner.

Number of families, 12; total of souls, 30.

Baptisms—infants, 7; adults, 1; total, 8. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants—added anew, 2; removed from, 2; total, 16.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 40; other days, 2.

The Holy Communion—public, 7. Alms, \$12.55; Missions—Diocesan, \$2.50; domestic, \$2.50; Episcopate, \$5.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$0.62½.

This Parish will not be able to maintain the services this year in consequence of the removal of some of its most influential supporters. It is hoped that a railroad will be constructed to pass through this place within a year or so, in which case the capitalists will return and again transact business there.

Jacksonville, Trinity, . . . Rev. T. N. Morrison.

Number of families, 37; individuals not thus included, 15; total of souls, 200.

Baptisms—infants, 3; adults, 2; total, 5. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Communicants—added anew, 8; by removal, 3; total, 65.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 7; total, 9. Scholars: male, 15; female, 30; total, 45.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 100; other days, 12; total, 112.

The Holy Communion—public, 13; Missions—Diocesan, \$60.00; domestic, \$16.00; foreign, \$23.50; Episcopate, \$76.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$9.75; aged and infirm clergymen, \$20.15; Parish purposes, \$50.

No collection for Domestic and Foreign Missions have been made since Easter, from the fact that all the collections, except those authorized by the Diocese, have been devoted to the payment of a large bill of repairs.

The condition of the country, growing out of the existing rebellion on the part of several of the Southern States, has had already its influence upon this Parish, as it has more or less upon all the Parishes of the land, reducing its numerical strength, fostering indifference to religious things, and greatly cutting down our collections and means of support. Notwithstanding all that exists to discourage, still our hope and confidence is in God that He will bring good out of evil, order out of confusion and make the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. John's, Knoxville—St. John's, Lacon.

Knoxville, St. John's, . . . Rev. William T. Smithett.

Number of families, 25; individuals not thus included, 15; total of souls, 95.

Communicants—removed from, 5; died, 1; total, 21.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 71; other days, 41.

The Holy Communion—public, 6. Alms, \$35, including weekly collection; Missions—Diocesan, \$3.

Since the last Convention, in consequence of the severe times, this Parish has suffered perhaps more than in common with the rest, as the above statistics will show, compared with the former year. In consequence of but few children belonging to the Parish, and the general interest in Sabbath School effort among the other religious bodies, it has been found impracticable to sustain a Sunday School.

The Rector holds in St. John's Church but one service on the Lord's day now, at 3 P. M., and on Thursday evenings delivers a course of familiar lectures.

Lacon, St. John's, . . . Rev. C. P. Clarke.

Number of families, 20; individuals not thus included, 25; total of souls, 125.

Baptisms—infants, 6; total, 6. Burials, 5. Communicants—removed from, 1; total, 6 resident, 8 non-resident.

Sunday School—teachers, 4. Scholars, 35. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, often.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 54; other days, 40.

Missions—Diocesan, \$2.00; domestic, \$2.00; foreign, \$2.50; aged and infirm clergymen, \$1.00; other church offerings, \$19.81.

Of the baptisms reported, two were in Lacon, three in Cairo and one in Wenona. The burials were all of the 11th Regiment Illinois Volunteers at Villa Ridge and Bird's Point.

The Rector of St. John's resigned the Parish at Easter, to which time this report is brought down.

The first of May he entered upon the duties of Chaplain to 11th Regiment I. V., Col. Wallace, commanding, where he continued to officiate till the Regiment was mustered out of service the 1st of August. Since his return, he has officiated at different appointments in the neighborhood of Ottawa where his family now resides.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Paul's, Lee Centre—St. James', Lewistown.

Lee Centre, St. Paul's . . . Rev. Wm. A. Brodnax.

Number of families, 9; total of souls, 43.

Baptisms—infants, 5. Communicants—total, 19.

Sunday School—scholars, 8.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 50; other days, 1.

The Holy Communion—public, 12. Alms, \$9.46; Missions—Diocesan, \$2.52; Parish purposes, \$5.00.

Lewistown, St. James, . . . Rev. C. A. Bruce.

Number of families, 8; individuals not thus included, 5; total of souls, 40.

Baptisms—infants, 4; adults, 1; total, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Communicants—by removal, 1; removed from, 4; total, 11.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 5; total, 7. Scholars: male, 5; female, 25; total, 30. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 20.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 68; other days, 36.

The Holy Communion—public, 10. Alms, \$26.96; Missions—Diocesan, \$6.63; Episcopate, 18.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$1.65; Parish purposes—Sunday School, \$11.50; total, \$54.25.

There are several Candidates for Confirmation, waiting a visit from the Bishop.

Limestone, Christ, . . . Rev. John Benson.

Number of families, 21; individuals not thus included, 8; total of souls, 95.

Baptisms—infants, 16; adults, 6; total, 22. Confirmed, 9.—Marriages, 2. Communicants—added anew, 9; total, 36.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 3; total, 4. Scholars: male, 20; female, 27; total, 47. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 9; catechumens, 17.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 44; other days, 5.

The Holy Communion—public, 8; private, 1. Alms, \$18.99; Church Contributions: Missions—Diocesan, \$17.21; Episcopate, \$27.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$4.05; aged and infirm clergy, \$9.50; other church offerings, \$2.00.

The Rector reports, with gratitude to the Divine Head of the Church, that some increase has been vouchsafed, and the congregation has greatly increased in numbers, giving hope of a larger increase at a future day, if we only have grace to be faithful.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. John's, Lockport—St. Pauls, Manhattan.

Lockport, St. John's, Rev. Samuel Cowell.

Numbers of families, 24; total of souls, 65.

Baptisms—infants, 1. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Communicants—added anew, 1; removed from, 8; died, 1; total, 25.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 102; other days, 1; total, 103.

The Holy Communion—public, 10. Missions—domestic, special appropriation, \$10.00; foreign, \$3.25; Parish purposes, \$8.37; other church offerings, Pastoral Aid Society, \$17.35; total, \$38.97.

The Rector has officiated regularly as Chaplain to the State Penitentiary at Joliet during the past Conventional year, and is happy to testify to the excellent behavior of the convicts during the season of Divine worship, and also to the readiness, with which religious counsel and instruction are received at other times. There is a great need of Prayer Books, Tracts and Religious Papers. When will the sympathies of the Church be directed towards those for whom we so often pray in the holy Litany of the Church?

Manhattan, St. Paul's, Vacant.

Number of families, 14; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 73.

Baptisms—infants, 5; total, 5. Burials, 1. Communicants—by removal, 2; removed from, 1; total, 25.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 26; other days, 1.

The Holy Communion—public, 5. Alms, \$10.00; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$3.75.

Rev. Mr. Stout resigned the Rectorship of the Parish at Easter. Since that time, through the kindness of Rev. Messrs. Wilkinson and Gilbert, we have had services every alternate Sunday.

JOHN YOUNG, *Warden.*

Mattoon, Trinity, . . . Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Number of families, 9; individuals not thus included, 27; total of souls, 56.

Baptisms—infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants—added anew, 2; by removal, 2; removed from, 1; died, 1; total, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 30.

The Holy Communion—public, 4. Alms, \$8.00; Parish purposes, \$105.00.

A very good Communion Service has been purchased by the ladies of the Church. The congregation is good, and we hope soon to be able to build a neat Church Edifice. For the present, we are comfortably situated. The Rev. Dr. Pratt, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago, has made us a present of 50 Prayer Books, for which we are very thankful.

Out of the Mission, at different places, I have preached twenty-seven times, baptized seventeen infants, married one couple, administered the Holy Communion three times, and visited several very interesting families, who are without the service of the Church. I have devoted all the attention required in visiting the sick; some of whom are old and faithful communicants of the Church of the living God. There is a great work to do for God and His people, along the line of this Railroad. Will not the friends of the Blessed Jesus in the East help us in this good work.

Marengo, Advent, . . . Rev. Julius H. Waterbury,

Assisted by Rev. JOHN CAUCH, Deacon.

Number of families, 31; individuals not thus included, 25; total of souls, 165.

Baptisms—infants, 11. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Communicants—added anew, 17; by removal, 6; removed from, 4; total, 53.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 4; female, 6; total, 10. Scholars: male, 25; female, 50; total, 75. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12; catechumens, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156.

The Holy Communion—public, 14. Alms, \$5.00; Missions—Diocesan, \$5.00; domestic, \$6.00; foreign, \$6.00; Parish purposes, \$10; other church offerings—American Bible Society, \$25.

From the interest in the Services of the Church on the Lord's day and on Friday evening; the increased and regular attendance of the Communicants, as well as by personal observation, we have hoped that the Parish is growing in grace and the spiritual influences of the Gospel. Financially we can not do what we would so long as the parsonage debt remains. May the Lord help us. We preach twice a month to a very interesting congregation, mostly of English farmers, at Garden Prairie. Also, once a month we catechize the Sunday School children under the care of Peter Arvidson, a candidate for Holy Orders, and hold Services with an unusually attentive people at Algonquin. From fifty to one hundred attend the monthly Services at Woodstock. The Lord make us rich in every good work to do His will.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Thomas', Morris—St. John's, Naperville—Trinity, Onarga.

Morris, St. Thomas', Vacant.

Number of families, 23; individuals not thus included, 4; total of souls, 89.

Baptisms—infants, 5; adults, 2; total, 7. Confirmed, 5; in private, 1. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1. Communicants—added anew, 8; by removal, 5; removed from, 1; total, 44.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 4; total, 5. Scholars—male, 8; female, 15; total, 23. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 26; other days, 21.

Holy Communion—public, 3; private, 1. Alms, \$9.30.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$7.62. Parish purposes, \$14.53; other Church offerings, \$2.60.

B. F. MATTESON, *Warden.*

Naperville, St. John's, Vacant.

Number of families, 8; individuals not thus included, 3; total of souls, 35.

Baptisms—infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1. Communicants—added anew, 3; total, 24.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 27; other days, 4.

Holy Communion—public, 3.

Contributions—Parish purposes, \$47.31.

S. P. STEVENS, *Warden.*

Onarga, Trinity, Vacant.

Number of families—15; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 65.

Baptisms—infants, 3. Communicants—by removal, 2; total, 22.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 6; total, 7. Scholars: male, 15; female, 30; total, 45. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 1.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 56; other days, 3.

The Holy Communion—public, 2; Parish purposes, \$100.00.

It was the purpose of the Parish to build a Chapel this season, and for that purpose a few contributions were received from abroad, but it was thought best to delay it for the present.

Contributions of Prayer Books were received from the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, and of Sunday School Books from the Church Book Society. Lay Reading afternoon of each Sunday when no Clergyman is present.

GEO. M. LOVELL, *Lay Reader*

Ottawa, Christ, . . . Rev. Thomas N. Benedict.

Number of families, 94; individuals not thus included, 12; total of souls, 380.

Baptisms—infants, 34; adults, 6; total, 40. Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 4. Burials, 23. Communicants—added anew, 13; by removal, 4; removed from, 9; total, 98.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 12; total 14. Scholars: male, 50; female, 75; total, 125. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, every Sunday; catechumens, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 84.

The Holy Communion—public, 11; private, 3. Alms, \$44.23; Missions—Diocesan, \$58.75; domestic, \$13; foreign, \$13; Episcopate, 20; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$13; aged and infirm clergymen, \$13; Parish purposes, \$271.

Pekin, St. Paul's, . . . Rev. Charles F. Loop.

Number of families, 23; individuals not thus included, 7; total of souls, 65.

Baptisms—infants, 5; adults, 4; total, 9. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants—added anew, 5; by removal, 4; removed from, 3; died, 2; total, 30.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 3; female, 2; total, 5. Scholars: male, 18; female, 15; total, 33.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 58; other days, 17.

The Holy Communion—public, 7. Alms, \$25; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$3.75; Parish purposes, \$1017.00; other church offerings, \$65.50.

The present minister entered upon his duties in this Parish on the first day of February, 1861. Although disappointment and discouragement seem to be inseparably connected with the Clergyman's labors in a weak and struggling Parish, yet in the present instance there has been much to cheer and encourage the Pastor's heart not only in things spiritual, but also in temporal matters. The stipu-

lated salary has been promptly paid; the Chapel repaired and furnished with every requisite.

A fine Organ Harmonium, has been placed in the Chapel; also a Communion Service and gown. A part of the amount reported above, under the head of Parish purposes was raised previous to January, 1861, for the purchase of the lot, on which the Chapel is built. On the last Sunday in July, accompanied by twenty-five parishioners, the Rector visited Tremont, for evening Service, meeting there a large and deeply attentive congregation. It is designed to hold occasional services in Tremont during the Fall and Winter.

Peoria, St. Paul's, Rev. Joseph M. Waite.

Number of families, 77; number of souls, about 400.

Baptisms—adult, 1; children, 14; total, 15. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6. Communicants—added anew, 4; removed into the Parish, 4; removed from the Parish, 2; present number, 96.

Teachers in the Sunday School, at St. Paul's, 17; scholars, 115. At Mission School, teachers, 20; scholars, 175; total number of pupils, 290.

Celebration of Divine Service—number of times on Sunday, 96; other days, 18; total, 114.

The Holy Communion—number of times celebrated, 11.

Contributions for fund for support of the Episcopate, \$52.32; contingent expenses of Convention, \$13.50; Diocesan Missions, \$51.40; aged and infirm clergymen, \$8.50; offerings at Communion, \$75.20; Parish purposes, (\$575, for erection of Mission building,) \$600.00; other contributions for church purposes, \$61.83.

During the past year, a Mission Sunday School, through the energy of Mr. A. G. Tyng, the superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School, has been organized in the lower part of the city, and is at present in successful operation. By means of fairs, contributions, &c., a sufficient amount has been procured for the erection of a commodious frame building in which are gathered, from the surrounding neighborhood, every Sunday afternoon, a large number of poor and ignorant children. At the close of each session of the Sunday School, religious services are held, and a sermon preached to an average congregation of forty persons.

Peru, St. Paul's, Rev. C. H. Albert.

Number of families, 19; individuals not thus included, 16; total of souls, 116.

Baptisms—infants, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants—added, by removal, 4; removed from, 1; died, 1; total, 20.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 8; total, 10. Scholars: male, 13; female, 36; total, 49. Public catechetical instruction—every Sunday morning by the Rector and Catechists under his supervision; also stated Bible Class.

Celebration of Divine Service—Regular morning and evening service on Sunday. Holy Communion—the first Sunday of every month. Communion alms, \$6.00; Church contributions; Episcopate, \$15; contingent expenses of the Diocese, \$3.00; Parish purposes, about \$107.63.

The present Rector has had charge of the Parish since June 1st, 1861.

Pittsfield, St. Stephen's, . . . Rev. K. J. Stewart.

Number of families, about 25; number of souls, about 200.

Baptisms—adults, 3; infants, 13; total, 16. Communicants—added anew, 1; present number, about 20.

Catechumens, 50. Sunday scholars—at Griggsville, 75; total number of young persons instructed, 95.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 40.

Holy Communion—in public, 5; in Griggsville, 5; total, 10.

Contributions—foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$10, including Griggsville.

A congregation is growing up out of a Sunday School at Griggsville, where there are already fifteen communicants, and where they have services every week.

Polo, Trinity, . . . Rev. Samuel Tonkin Carpenter.

Number of families, 35; total of souls, about 150.

Baptisms—infants, 3. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Communicants—added anew, 8; removed, 2; total, 33.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 2; female, 6.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 115; other days, 45; total, 160.

Holy Communion—in public, 5. Alms, \$10.65.

We are still using our Church in an unfinished state and with temporary seats. We were compelled to incur some debt, in order to obtain stoves and to get one coat of rough plastering put on, to

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make the Church comfortable for services during the last winter. In the mean while, we have been content to wait, until able to get out of debt, before attempting to make any farther effort to complete the Church, or to incur any other expense. This state of things will account for the meagre report of contributions to other objects.

Princeton, Redeemer, . . . Rev. George Charles Street.

Number of families, 15; individuals not thus included, 8; total of souls, 85.

Burials, 1. Communicants—removed from, 2; total, 18.

Catechumens, 2.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 22.

Holy Communion—public, 4.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$3.94; Episcopate, \$9.30; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$3; Parish purposes, \$11.

Providence, Zion, . . . Rev. George Charles Street.

Number of families, 20; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 120.

Baptisms—infants, 3. Burials, 3. Communicants, 30.

Public catechetical instruction—catechumens, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 24.

Holy Communion—public, 6.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$5.08; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$4 50.

Quincy, St. John's, . . . Rev. Alex. Capron.

Number of families, 100.

Baptisms—infants, 40; adults, 4; total, 44. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Communicants—by removal, 6; removed from, 13; died, 2; total, 144.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 6; female, 15; total, 21. Scholars, 140. Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 120.

Holy Communion—public, 15; private, 3.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$55.05; domestic, \$26; con-

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Christ, Robin's Nest—Emmanuel, Rockford.

tingent expenses of Diocese, \$26; aged and infirm Clergymen, \$7; Parish purposes, \$350; other Church offerings: Communion alms, \$83.36; Sunday School, \$50; alms collected for support of orphan boy, outside of Communion offerings, \$75; other alms collected by Church Home for destitute persons in the Parish, \$100.

The Rector continues a Service in a rural district, seven miles from town, three times a month, on Sunday afternoon, between the regular Morning and Evening Service in Church. He also holds a Service in Zion Church, Mendon, on each second Monday evening; and another Service on the alternate Monday evening, in a rural district, ten miles east of Quincy: thus three missionary Services are now kept up, with some regularity, exclusive of Parish duties.

There are no Confirmations reported, owing to illness of the Rector at time of the Bishop's Annual Visitation.

Robin's Nest, Christ, Rev. Samuel Chase.

Number of families, 26; individuals not thus included, 28; total of souls, 175.

Baptisms—infants, 12. Confirmed, 14. Burials, 3. Communicants: added anew, 14; removed from, 8; total, 71.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 5; female, 4; total, 9. Scholars: male, 27; female, 13; total, 40.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 15.

Holy Communion—public, 15. Alms, \$35.49.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$20.25; domestic missions, \$6.38; Episcopate, \$20.78; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$14.13; Parish purposes, \$380; other Church offerings, \$12.50.

Rockford, Emmanuel, Rev. M. Scofield.

Number of families, 58.

Baptisms—infants, 14. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Communicants, 50.

Sunday School—scholars, 90. Public catechetical instruction: number of times, 8.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 72; other days, 5.

Holy Communion—public, 8. Alms, \$17.79.

Church offerings, \$57.54.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Trinity, Rock Island—Grace, Rock Island County.

I took charge of the Parish about the 1st of last January, and found it very much scattered. The number of attendants have steadily increased, and we hope that it will soon recover its former vigor and dimensions. My report, in part, must necessarily be imperfect, as I have not access to the list, and cannot state in definite numbers all items as above.

Rock Island, Trinity, . . . Rev. Matthew Magill.

Number of families, 25; individuals not thus included, 15; total of souls, 120.

Communicants—added anew, 4; total, 20.

Sunday School—teachers: female, 4. Scholars: male, 7; female, 9; total, 16. Catechumens, 6.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 16; other days, 3.

Holy Communion—public, 3. Alms, \$4.80.

Parochial assessments—Episcopate, \$13; other Church offerings, \$1.15.

The present Rector accepted office, July 1st, 1861; found the Parish nearly annihilated: only three male Communicants, and thirteen female; the Sunday School extinct; had to commence anew. There has been a steady increase in the congregation during my short residence, and a growing expectation of prosperity. Certainly, this is "a day of small things" with this Parish; yet am not by any means discouraged.

Rock Island Co., Grace, . . . Rev. George Sayres.

Number of families, 123; total of souls, 600.

Baptisms—infants, 47. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Communicants—by removal, 8; died, 6; total, 63.

Public catechetical instruction—number of times, 9; catechumens, 23.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 41; other days, 27.

Holy Communion—public, 7; private, 4. Alms, \$11.70.

Parish purposes, \$116.

When the Rector returned to this charge, last Fall, near the middle of December, he found the adjacent Parish of Trinity (Rock Island) destitute of Services, having had none, with two exceptions, for about eight months. He immediately took charge of

this along with that of Grace, near Pre-emption, giving alternate Sundays to each, until the early part of May. During Lent, the week-day Services were given mostly to Rock Island, on account of the greater facility of obtaining a congregation.

Afterwards, the Rector's time was given to Grace Parish nearly every Sunday; having usually the Morning Service in the Church, and an Afternoon or Evening Service in some school, private, or meeting-house, several miles distant. There have been frequent Services at these places, also, on week-day evenings, and they were always well attended. The Church building is nearly completed inside: it is very neat and commodious. There ought to be at least one more Church edifice provided immediately for what is called "the West Settlement," four or five miles off from the present Church. This will be done whenever the times and money will permit. Our Irish farmers have been much afflicted of late years by failure of crops, and by the low prices of produce.

The "catechizings" were made before the whole assemblage of people, on Sunday mornings, just before sermon, and are found to be gratifying and edifying to all. There is much improvement perceptible, especially among the young persons, in habits of temperance and devotion. An arrangement has just been made to procure a teacher in the neighboring school, who will furnish music gratuitously, on the melodeon, for public worship.

Salem, St. Thomas', . . . Rev. J. W. Osborne.

Number of families, 6; individuals not thus included, 21; total of souls, 51.

Baptisms—infants, 1; adults, 2; total, 3. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 1. Communicants: added anew, 2; removed from, 3; died, 1; total, 11.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 21; other days, 2.

Holy Communion—public, 6; private, 1. Alms, \$17.50.

Received for Prayer Books—from the Rev. Dr. Clarkson, of St. James' Church, Chicago, \$5; Rev. Mr. Bishop, of St. John's, \$2; Rev. Mr. Locke, \$2; Rev. Mr. Hodges, \$1; amount, \$10.

The Congregation is good, and our "little flock" very faithful.

Springfield, St. Paul's, . Rev. Lewis P. Clover, D.D.

Number of families, 100; total of souls, 400.

Baptisms—infants, 16; adults, 4; total, 20. Confirmed, 11.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. Peter's, Sycamore—St. Jude's, Tiskilwa.

Marriages, 5. Burials, 17. Communicants: added anew, 13; removed from, 18; died, 4; total, 139.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 6; female, 10; total, 16. Scholars: male, 40; female, 60; total, 100. Public catechetical instruction: number of times, 11; catechumens, 100.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 102; other days, 16.

Holy Communion—public, 14; private, 5. Alms, \$89.88

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$22.55; foreign missions, \$13.60; Episcopate, \$66.50; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$22.35; aged and infirm Clergymen, \$26.15; Parish purposes, \$203.04; other Church offerings, \$54.35.

Sycamore, St. Peter's, . . . Rev. W. H. Roberts.

Number of families, 30; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 140.

Baptisms—infants, 7. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Communicants: added anew, 3; by removal, 1; removed from, 4; died, 1; total, 43.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 4; total, 5. Scholars: male, 12; female, 18; total, 30. Public catechetical instruction: number of times, 20.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 96; other days, 50.

Holy Communion—public, 11; private, 1. Alms, \$25.50.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$8; Episcopate, \$15; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$1.

The Parish, although small, is in a healthy, prosperous and united condition.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's, . . Rev. George Charles Street.

Number of families, 14; individuals not thus included, 13; total of souls, 68.

Baptisms—infants, 1; adults, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 1. Communicants: added anew, 4; removed from, 3; total, 24. Catechumens, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 63; other days, 16; total, 79.

Holy Communion—public, 14.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$6.06; Episcopate, \$23; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$3.45; Parish purposes, \$63.07.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: St. George's, Utica—St. Paul's, Warsaw.

Utica, St. George's, Rev. H. T. Hiester.

Number of families, 50 ; number of souls, 150.

Baptisms—infants, 4 ; adults, 1 ; total, 5. Communicants : added anew, 3 ; total, 10.

Catechists and Sunday School teachers, 7 ; catechumens, 35.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 15.

Holy Communion—public, 3.

Warsaw, St. Paul's, Rev. Wm. L. Bostwick.

Number of families, 22 ; individuals not thus included, 15 ; total of souls, 100.

Baptisms—infants, 5 ; adults, 1 ; total, 6. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 4. Communicants : added anew, 2 ; by removal, 2 ; removed from, 4 ; total, 30.

Sunday School—teachers : male, 4 ; female, 8 ; total, 12. Scholars : male, 48 ; female, 52 ; total, 100. Public catechetical instruction : number of times, 6.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 95 ; other days, 29 ;

Holy Communion—public, 12.

Contributions—Diocesan missions, \$11 ; domestic missions, \$6 ; foreign missions, \$3.25 ; Episcopate, \$30 ; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$3 ; aged and infirm Clergymen, \$3 ; Parish purposes, \$109.50 ; destitute in Kansas, \$6.00 ; Sunday School purposes : library and instruction books, \$31.17 ; gift books, \$19.58 ; Prayer Books and Tracts, \$6.50.

The growth of the Church in this charge is very slow. The congregations are smaller than last year. Great indifference to spiritual privileges prevails in this place among our own families, and even with not a few Communicants ; but, as it was in Sardis, so here, I trust, are some to be found whom the Great Head of the Church will deem worthy to walk with him in white—some who have more than a name to live, and are not dead even in these times which try men's souls. The Sunday School has increased, and includes many children belonging to other denominations. Both scholars and teachers manifest considerable interest in the school, and deserve commendation for their regular attendance, notwithstanding cold, or rain, or heat. A festival at the Rector's home Christmas evening, when every scholar that could come partook of a bountiful feast furnished by the friends of the school, and gift-books to all at Easter, with special rewards in the way of Prayer Books and Testaments to the most deserving, no doubt had

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Christ, Waukegan—Redeemer, Wilmington.

their effects in promoting a wider and deeper interest in this Sunday School than is believed to have been known before. The Rector looks to it as a Training School for the Church, and superintends it with more pleasure than now arises from any other part of his work.

Waukegan, Christ, Rev. E. P. Wright.

Number of families, 50; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 235.

Baptisms—infants, 15; adults, 7; total, 22. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6. Communicants: added anew, 6; by removal, 11; removed from, 9; died, 1; total, 52.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 5; female, 10; total, 15. Scholars: male, 33; female, 50; total, 83. Public catechetical instruction: number of times, 3.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 29.

Holy Communion—public, 3; private, 1.

Parochial assessments—Episcopate, \$10; contingent expenses of Diocese, \$6; Parish purposes, \$48.70;* other Church offerings, \$45.50.*

The Rectorship of the undersigned commenced on the second Sunday after Trinity (June 9th.) This report, consequently, covers but three months of the past Conventional year, which will account for its imperfectness in some important particulars. A steady increase has been manifest both in the congregation and Sunday School, and there is much to encourage the Rector in the general aspect of affairs. Every member of the Parish seems desirous of co-operating cordially with him in all he undertakes, and of manifesting the utmost kindness to him and his family.

A movement has recently been set on foot for the purpose of discharging the indebtedness of the Parish (\$400) with every prospect of success.

Wilmington, Redeemer, Rev. A. E. Wells.

Number of families, 21; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 100.

Baptisms—infants, 4; adults, 3; total, 7. Confirmed, 4. Mar-

*These amounts were collected during the last four months. There are no data at hand to report the collections made during the previous part of the year.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: Rev. Erastus De Wolf, Deacon, Missionary.

riages, 2. Burials, 3. Communicants: added anew, 5; by removal, 2; removed from, 5; total, 21.

Sunday School—teachers: male, 1; female, 5; total, 6. Scholars: male, 19; female, 24; total, 43.

Parochial assessments—contingent expenses of Diocese, \$7.05; Parish purposes, \$45.

This Parish has been without the services of a Clergyman from Easter until the ninth Sunday after Trinity. The Church has been open every Sunday, with two exceptions. The Services have been well attended, and the Parish is in a prosperous condition.

RODNEY S. BOWEN, *Warden*.

Rev. E. De Wolf, Deacon, Missionary.

After my ordination to the Diaconate, on the 23d of January last, in Christ Church, Robin's Nest, I still continued to assist Rev. Dr. Chase as tutor in the College, teaching from two to four hours per day during the week. I also assisted in the Sunday School and in the Service upon various occasions of public Worship, and preached in the College Chapel six times. During this time, also, I held Service and preached every alternate Sunday afternoon at the School House, three miles north of Jubilee. There are a number of families of devoted Church people in this neighborhood, who attend at the College Chapel in the forenoon. These, together with many Methodists and others, always gave us a full attendance of earnest and devout worshippers.

At the expiration of the College Session, about the first of July last, I removed to Chicago, where, through the kindness and hospitality of the Bishop, I made my home, for the time, at the Episcopal residence, and engaged in Missionary work under the Bishop. In Chicago I assisted in the Sunday and week-day Services, upon various occasions, principally in the "Bishop's Chapel," and preached three times. I spent two Sundays at Aurora, on Fox River, holding Service and preaching four times. This, although quite a large and important Parish, was then destitute of the Service of our dear Church; but I have since been glad to learn that they have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Allen. I also officiated twice upon Sunday morning at Hyde Park, seven miles south of Chicago, on the lake shore. Here Dr. Bockee and his estimable family, together with a few other Church families, form the nucleus of a good organization. Through the pious zeal of Dr. Bockee, as Lay Reader, they enjoy the Services of the Church every Sunday.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: French Mission, Rev. F. A. Juny.

Pursuant to a call from the Vestry of Christ Church, Onarga, I have spent every fourth Sunday since I came to Chicago at this place. Here there are a goodly number of Church people, the most of whom are embarrassed by the financial reverses of our State, or are poor in this world's possessions; but they are many of them rich in faith and burning with love and devotion to the Church of the living God, and with desire to have solemn Service and instructive teachings established among them. That God may abundantly bless, encourage and strengthen them and grant them their hearts' desire; is that for which their unworthy servant will not only pray but *labor*. During the long intervals between my present visits, through the kindness and zeal of Mr. George Lovel, they have had Lay Reading every Sunday. They have, also, a flourishing Sunday School, with some ten or twelve teachers, and from twenty-five to thirty scholars.

To sum up this rambling record of my unprofitable labor of the few months past, I will only add that I have assisted in the Services or preached every Sunday but two since my Ordination. I have preached twenty-eight times, assisted four times in administering the Holy Communion, and have catechised the Sunday School children upon four different occasions.

French Mission, Rev. F. A. Juny.

Baptisms—infants, 1. Burials, 3. Communicants—added anew, 12; total, 12. Bible Class scholars, total, 12 to 15.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 32.

The Holy Communion—public, 1.

The Mission began in the month of May, 1861. From that time, I celebrated Divine Service twice every Sunday. The morning service has been discontinued since the month of September for want of a convenient room; the number of attendants range between fifteen and thirty-five. The evening service continues; attendance, from fifty to ninety. The Bible Class is taught every Sunday by the Missionary, and from eight to twelve pupils are regularly present, others occasionally.

Every Sunday, at evening and at the weekly service in the Bishop's Chapel, the Missionary has been present, assisting in the service as often as requested so to do; on one occasion, read the service in St. James', Chicago, the Rector being prevented by sickness from officiating.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: C. V. Kelly—John H. Niglas—John R. West.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

In conformity with the Canon made and provided, I beg leave to report, that having no parochial charge, and practising as a physician, I have been enabled to perform the following official acts, during the year, without remuneration:

Baptisms—infants, 8; adults, 2; total, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 48; other days, 3.

The Holy Communion—public, 6; private, 12.

C. V. KELLY.

PEORIA, September 9th, 1861.

To the Rt Rev Henry J Whitehouse, Ottawa:

RT. REV. SIR—Your favor has been duly received, and in order to show obedience, I direct those lines to your hand, respectfully reporting myself a resident in your jurisdiction, without having performed any official act connected with the holy orders of ministry. At the same time I beg leave of informing your Reverence that I have accepted the appointment given me by E. T. Pleyel, Commanding Colonel of the 1st Regt. of U. S. Lancers, head-quarters, Burlington, Iowa, waiting every day for his orders to report myself to him.

I am, Rt. Rev. Sir, your truly obedient,

JOHN H. NIGLAS, M.D.

As Jubilee College is a Church-missionary instrumentality in the Diocese, even in her educational capacity, my work, during the past year, may be said to embrace teaching, agency for the College and Missionary work proper. For six months of the year a portion of my time, each day, was devoted to my duties as Instructor. My ministerial work, during that period, was confined chiefly to the Parish, assisting Dr. Chase in the service of the Chapel morning or evening, and preaching occasionally.

The agency for the College consisted entirely with my Missionary relation. It enabled me, when in Chicago, to render some assistance to the Bishop of the Diocese, having taken part in the Lenten and Sunday Services, and preached twice in the "Bishop's Chapel." In connection with the same Mission, I supplied "Christ Church," Joliet, in the absence of its Rector, on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Parochial and Clerical Reports: C. H. Williamson—James A. Woodward.

Requests for services at Galesburg, Knoxville and Pekin were responded to. I have preached, during the year, thirty-five times, and officiated in the absence of the Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest, at the altar, font and grave.

JOHN R. WEST.

KANKAKEE, September 10, 1861.

Right Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D.:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR—We worshipped, last Sunday, in our new Church at Kankakee City, for the first time; and the people had a better opportunity of witnessing the beauty of our Episcopal service. Next Sabbath, the new Church at St. Anne will be opened for the first time. We have long suffered from the want of a suitable place in which to meet in St. Anne and Kankakee City; but now, we thank God for having given us room for service and Sabbath School. We hope, Right Rev. and dear Sir, that you will, when convenient, pay us a visit.

In St. Anne, the Church is doing very well; and the people are animated by a good spirit.

In Kankakee City, we have been greatly tried by a few troublesome persons; but it is to be hoped that those who were led astray, will return to the fold, and enjoy the means of grace with which we are favored.

My official acts are as follows:

Baptisms—infants, 18; Marriages, 4.

It is now seven months since I settled in Kankakee; and I believe that during that time, many souls have been blessed, and our Church has secured a footing in this section of the Diocese among the French Canadians.

Besides, my services in the French language, I officiate, once a fortnight, to an American congregation, at the request of some families who are members of the Episcopal Church.

Yours, faithfully,

C. H. WILLIAMSON.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

I have officiated, as opportunity offered, and duty called me, during the past year, without having any special charge.

JAMES A. WOODWARD.

GRIGGSVILLE, Ill., September 9th, 1861.

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of Illinois:

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR—We have regular readings every Sunday morning under your license, with a small but gradually increasing congregation who love the beautiful worship of the Church and join with heart and voice in the appointed portion of prayer and praise. Our little band of Communicants numbers about twelve. We have some four or five candidates for Confirmation. One, Maria Hatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hatch, died on the 29th August, after a few days' sickness.

She was one of the oldest members of our Sunday School, being present at its inauguration, and never voluntarily absent. She had just been placed in charge of an interesting class for whose instruction she was well qualified. She died calmly, hopefully, saying she was "going home," having in health and strength put her trust in Jesus. She knew, in her hour of weakness and death, He would be her very present help. Her loss is much felt.

Our Sunday School meets at 3 o'clock every Sunday afternoon. We have upwards of seventy scholars' names on our books with an average attendance of from forty to fifty. The growth of our School from the eight or ten who first met with us to its present proportions—when we consider the few families belonging to the Church here, the prejudice and opposition we have had to meet and disarm—is a continual source of wonder and gratitude. We look forward with hope that the seed now sown will bear fruit, both in raising up in our midst a Church militant, and adding to the members of the glorious Church triumphant.

Our prospects financially are not very good. We have to rent a room for our school and services, for which we pay a heavy rent; this with our current expenses is all we at present can raise. We look forward with hope to better times in the future for us.

Very Respectfully, your ob't Serv't,

JOHN R. BASHFORTH.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HYDE PARK, Sept. 10, 1861.

The Parish have no change to report. Lay reading has been continued throughout the year.

The Rev. Mr. DeWolf has officiated twice, and the Rev. Thomas Smith once at morning service.

JACOB BOCKEE, *Senior Warden.*

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BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Convention, and of the Diocese :

It is my duty to lay before the Convention, and through it, before the Church in the Diocese, the record of my official acts for the past year. The usual mode of doing this is by retracing the steps of travel and service, noting with brevity the distinct visits, and mingling with the routine of work the peculiar incidents of parochial life and change. This is not required as evidence that the Bishop is doing, or trying to do, his appointed labor, but in the spirit of our family bond and common brotherhood; in order that the Diocesan Church may be grouped in intelligent sympathy, and its practical work of love be carried on with fidelity, wisdom and combined strength. There is a painful sense of isolation in the majority of the Parishes, and they magnify the pressure of individual feebleness, poverty and discouraging struggle. Minister and people often feel as if they were alone, and the aspect in which they regard their own efforts and sacrifices is that of a forlorn hope against the manifold antagonism which assails or bars the way. The secret craving of the heart is for sympathy—intellectual, moral and ecclesiastical. Each one pines for some palpable reality without, to sustain the reality of his own soul in its deep convictions and benevolent aspirations. The ideal of his church life, even with its profound principle, floats off at times as something visionary and dream-like. The personal trials and unsucccess become to him the discouragement of the whole Body of Christ; and almost moodily he allows hope to droop and faith to fail, as if, according to his experience, the “gates of hell” had prevailed. There is help for the Minister in this too natural depression, in the mere practical

acquaintance with the trials of others. He endures better, because he finds his own a common lot, which is not therefore to be explained within the crushing responsibility of his own neglects or infirmities. A suffering Church, led in the foot-prints of a suffering Savior, has a dignity and a daily martyrdom which makes vexations and cares solemn and high-toned, and fringes the dark cloud of present or prospective trial with "silver lining" from the rainbow of the Throne. In what was agony of trial had private grief told its tale, the Apostle calmly remarks: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man,"—assured that in this broad fellowship of human exposure the individual heart would be soothed, and appreciate more healthfully the real strength and effective consolation: "God who is faithful will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." "My grace is sufficient for thee."

But, thank God! it is not fellowship of suffering alone that we find as we compare our common work and group our strength. It is combination of effort, the aggregate of progress, the cheering of success; "here a little and there a little," until "the little one becomes a thousand, the small one a strong nation;" and the quiet rain-drop sparkles in its identity with the deep and glorious ocean.

From our own annual Conventions I trust that comfort and buoyancy have many a time been thus caught; and that minister and laymen have gone back to their Parish in conscious exhilaration, even though it were "a lodge in the wilderness." The mind and heart rise up, braced and springing, as do our physical frames when dull rain ceases, the leaden sky breaks into flashing sheen, and the clouds wheel into a phalanx of motion and beauty. No one, with any manly and hearty feeling of Church-life, ever attended an opening service of the General Convention, or has been identified with its sessions of earnest work and thoughtful charity, that has not realized this influence. Few men or women in the Church read the description of Bishop after Bishop, filing in and around some spacious chancel, clad in their official vestments, and numbering close on two score; the sanctuary thronged with hundreds of the Clergy, picked representatives from thousands; laymen, distin-

True spirit of Convention—Legislation—Canon Law: its inner life—Influence of fidelity to it.

guished in every class of life, giving time and counsel and honored name to the interests of the Church—few can read of the assembly or doings of such a Council without an honest pride, which renders each bolder in giving reason for the hope which is in him, and readier to meet the claims of “the household of faith.”

Hence we come at once to the true spirit and aim of our Conventional meeting, to make the Church stronger and our hearts braver for work and suffering by all that we see, hear, do and feel, as we place ourselves—in the dignity of personal humility, and the subordination which the Divine Head has constituted as His own—in the well-knit membership of a single body, which, with head and feet, the comely or the less comely, still makes a common life of our weakness and strength, diversities of gifts and infirmities of nature, “in honor preferring one another.” The legislative spirit of our assembly is not intended to be in the sharp contest of rival politics, and the ordeal of a standing opposition: it is for rule and law which increase the confidence of the individual by the sense of superintendence, directing the way and defining the bounds of corporate duty. It is a pledge of mutual support in a common cause. The prescriptions of its Canons, where they affect general or vested interests, are intended to be followed with strict and conscientious fidelity; for it is evident enough that the whole executive depends upon the integrity with which each member, in his appointed place, meets the requirements through which means are provided for the support of the Church’s servants, and the “venture of faith” she is constrained to make for aggressive and intensive progress. But the inner-life of Canon law for the benevolent work of the Church is deeper than this: it has a soul within its strait-lined body. No matter whether entitled “Canon for the support of the ministry,” for “Parochial assessments,” for “Missionary collections,” or for “Aged and infirm clergy,” the dry form of prescript law is in reality a living, loving bond. The spirit of it is, as if brother grasped brother by the hand in mutual pledge, and in view of relative wealth, or want, or work, said to him: “Rely on me, Brother, to be and to do exactly according to that law of charity.”

And in the strength of this common oath, Ministers should return to the poorest as to the richest parishes, and Laymen to their brethren of every degree, with a trust in the obligation, that each will do his best; that the Diocesan Church, with all besides, has also, a heart; that there, no naked loneliness or isolation, no pampered fullness, no stand-aside selfishness and lust of patronage shall overmatch the fellowship of the "sacramental host," and the laws of sympathy recorded in heaven. Sympathy—the cords of which are twined of many strands; where the gold of the sanctuary and the purple of wealth and the virgin-white of heavenly love cover and adorn the strong homespun of the private life; sympathy—whose cords are firmer than iron, light as the "daisy chain," and sweeter than a thousand flowers; sympathy—that makes strong to labor, heroic in endurance, and generous in consecration, because there is kind appreciation and ready help. The strongest lean upon it with manly trust, and the weak totter to it as to a mother's lap. This is the bond of the Church of Christ, and is the real inner-life of the Church's work and fellowship. It is that which should sparkle on the surface and underlie the grave business of our Annual assembly, refresh us while together, make our step cheerier as we turn homewards, mellow our voice as we tell the story of pleasant hours, and ring like music when we plead as ministers for the gifts to be laid on the broad altar of the Diocesan Church—"a sweet savor to Christ."

It matters not if such words as these sound passionate and dreamy as they glide over the hard reality of past experience and our selfish consciousness. They are true. And though the ensign may be blazoned for us now only on a far-off sky, still the cross thus revealed may supplant the "Fasces," and "IN HOC SIGNO" become the watchword even in the dust and strife of militant life. Nor are some of us without experience that this is true. We have gleaned it as we walked aside from the other reapers; or found that where Christ multiplies the beggarly provision, even the fragments that remain may fill baskets full. But we want it to be instinctive, gushing, overflowing; we want it as the "much

Deceased Bishops: Bishop of Alabama—Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania.

grass in the place," the common air which is balm; we want sacrifice and toil, honesty and liberality, loyal, resolute, obedient work to "make broad plates for the altar," and not tinsel spangles for our own self-pleasing. It is needful that we measure how weak and naked we are as men, and how serried and potent we may become as Christ's Own: then shall we "see and flow together, and our heart shall fear and be enlarged, because of the abundance that shall be given unto us."

As I left the mention of my own poor record of service, tempted by thoughts spontaneous from inward yearning or the imparted griefs of other bosoms, so now I return to it past the "grave and gate of death." It is meet so to do: well for the living Bishop to cast his eye back or forward, standing by the bier of his dead Brothers. The work "while it is called to-day" gathers urgency, and the heart hushes more easily its vanity and complaints, when drawing near to those who have just "finished their course and rest from their labors." Close and thick lie these memorials. One breathes out his willing soul, just as the cannon booms that shivers a nation's glory; another drops alone, panting on the dusty highway; and a third "bows himself upon the bed's head" at three score and ten, thankful that a weary life is ended. It were well to die in any hour or way—for life has earned its best—when a man goes away followed by such mourning and eulogy as has the good Bishop of Alabama, or the Assistant of Pennsylvania.

The characteristics of the Rt. Rev. NICHOLAS HAMNER COBBS were so beautifully distinct and so widely appreciated in every period of his ministry, that each one involuntarily describes him as if copying a spiritual photograph: the same lines of gentleness and firmness, simplicity and power, zeal and discretion, strength and humility, wisdom and innocence, as Preacher, Pastor and Bishop. We gaze at it confidingly, until assured that the Brother spake truly when he said over his corpse, "He was one of the holiest men I have ever met, and the very radiance of his face told the passer-by that he lived with Jesus."

The Rt. Rev. SAMUEL BOWMAN, with the coronal of a brief

Episcopate of three years, finished a real life of devout work through a uniform ministry, with attainments of scholarship, and better attainments in the moral and divine, which have won from all, however related to him in the strife of opinion, a common testimony of admiration and grief.

With the Rt. Rev. BENJAMIN TREADWELL ONDERDONK, Bishop of New York, I have been united in all the changes of my own life, from boyhood onwards. With him, as Professor of the Nature and Polity of the Church, my student life in the General Seminary was drawn into indulgent intimacy: under him, as Bishop—successor to the one on whose arm I lay as an infant at the Font—I wrought out the large share of my Pastoral life; and when the vicissitudes came of his resolute ministry, and the discipline of the Church fell upon him, I was participant in the griefs and struggles of his bewildered Diocese. I have watched his wonderful submission to that strange burthen; the fealty with which he honored its authority, while he consciously denied its justice; the martyr firmness with which for long years he refused the open refuge of the Civil tribunal; the plaintive meekness with which he confessed error and bewailed sin; the honest self-respect with which he steadied himself at the line where conscience absolved him; the daily testimony of his devotional life; the quiet seclusion with which he walked the streets where homes and graves were precious from birth-right, and an unbroken franchise of the heart—where the infant had smiled as angels whispered; the boy had played; the collegian donned his manly honors; the pastor threaded its waste places, and endeared himself in its more stately homes; where the mitre was laid upon his brow, and where, through these changes, the sanctuary grew of the husband and father—until at last the step became feebler, and the back bent, and other generations than his own said, as they passed, “the poor old Bishop is going.” These things have I seen and felt, until I longed that the penalty could be remitted, the touching pleading heard, and in restricted form at least, that he might again stand to preach the Word, and minister the Sacraments, and lay hands on some young head, and be borne to his grave with-

out attainder on his estate as Bishop in the Church of God. Wiser than myself, in solemn Council, thought it could not be : the door of hope was closed on his last longing for earth, and now the grave has closed on his labors, his failings and his sorrows. But we cannot forget his large, vigorous, unselfish nature ; his working powers inexhaustible at the service of all who needed ; his inimitable courtesy and social kindness ; the hand generous to carelessness ; his crowded work and ringing voice that disdained fatigue ; his chivalric truth in the utterance of his matured convictions ; his dauntless action where right, as he thought, led the way ; the inflexible constancy of his life's opinions and attachments ; the vigorous harmony of the man, faults and all ; the gentleness that made the firmest and hardest qualities instinct with love ; such traits as these—and more also far—will many living carry in heart-remembrance, and posterity receive and keep "IN MEMORIAM."

In the month of October a parishioner of my early ministry in Rochester, N. Y., and for a quarter of a century a citizen of Illinois and valued friend of Bishop Chase, ended a life more than usually characterized by suffering. When our paths of life first met it was by an open grave, where we laid at once his three children, two of them lying with twined arms in the same coffin. When I found him again, and strangely once more our ways met in spiritual relationship, the slow gnawing of disease—a speck on the surface—was consuming life with terrible certainty. For years he bore it, and a tender wife nursed him until she went to rest, and the daughter took place in that patient ministering ; until welcome death came at last, and COMSTOCK HANFORD finished his course in faith with glad willingness to be away and be with Christ. I went to Lockport and performed the funeral services with such testimony and appeal as his life had well earned.

RECORD OF ACTS.

On the adjournment of the last Convention, on my way to Chicago, I visited St. John's Church, Kewanee, and officiated morning and evening of Sunday, Sept. 16, fifteenth after Trinity. Dr.

Chase preached in the afternoon, on which occasion I confirmed *eight*, and *one* afterwards in private. The parish continues under the charge of Rev. J. B. Richmond; and although, like all others this year, suffering from the mercantile depression of its supporters, is faithfully administered, and “zealously affected” in church love.

On December 14th I started from Chicago, on a Visitation along the Illinois Central Road, accompanied by Rev. J. W. Osborne. In the evening of this day preached in Onarga, using the Congregational church. On Saturday morning there was service and the Holy Communion, and after that, at a private house, I baptised three infants.

In the afternoon we went to Mattoon, where, on the third Sunday in Advent, I preached three times and confirmed *two*.

On Tuesday evening I preached, and confirmed *two* in Centralia. It was deemed expedient to postpone an appointment made for Salem until a later period.

These parishes contain in each a few faithful Churchmen; but it is difficult for them to sustain the expense of services every fortnight, and except for the very limited salary which Mr. Osborne is content to receive, it could not be done.

December 19th I consecrated St. John's Church, Decatur, to the worship of God. The Instrument of Donation was read by Lowber Burrows, Esq., and the sermon preached by myself. It was a stormy day, which prevented the attendance of several clergymen who were expected, and a portion of the congregation; but the dedication finished a work which has called forth exemplary effort and sacrifice to carry through. The congregation is united and growing under the effective charge of the Rev. William M. Steel.

From the 19th to the 24th of January I was at Jubilee College. On Sunday A. M., 20th, I preached, confirmed *fourteen* and administered the Holy Communion. Among those confirmed were five who were students of the College, three of them preparing for Orders. On Wednesday, the 23d, I held an Ordination at which Erastus De Wolf, Jr., was admitted to the Diaconate. During my visit a meeting was held of the Board of Trustees. The Institution

is becoming more a Training School for the ministry. There are at present eight young men thus engaged, and the burthen of support falls on the funds of the College. It will be impossible for us to continue the good work, unless we are aided by contributions from the Diocese and other parts, as well as by a larger number of paying scholars. In this last respect the Clergy could aid us effectually, by turning the patronage of those in their parishes who educate their sons away from home, to our Diocesan Institution.

January 27th I officiated in St. Thomas' Church, Morris, where Rev. C. A. Gilbert officiated at that time, in connection with Naperville. I spent Septuagesima Sunday there, and confirmed *six*. They have been for sometime without a Minister, and with a good lot, and the stone on the spot, they cannot collect sufficient means to warrant the building of the Church edifice.

January 28th, in Christ Church, Joliet, I preached, and confirmed *seven* presented by the Rector, Rev. John Wilkinson. This parish sustained a severe loss a short time after in the death of one of its most generous supporters, and the earnest friend of its pastors, Hon. NELSON D. ELWOOD. His loss was felt as a public grief, and he was borne to his grave by a large crowd of his fellow citizens. It followed another, of like severity to the interests of the parish, in the sudden death in Chicago of HENRY L. WILSON, a man full of zeal and sacrifice in the Church's behalf.

January 29th, in the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, under the Rectorship of Rev. C. B. Stout, I confirmed *four* after preaching. Mr. Stout has since left for the Diocese of Iowa, and the parish is temporarily supplied, in connection with Pontiac, by Rev. Albert E. Wells, deacon from Wisconsin.

From there I went to another place of Mr. Gilbert's ministrations, St. John's, Naperville, and confirmed *four*. Service was held the evening previous, at which Mr. Wilkinson preached, who had diligently kept up occasional services from Joliet, until relieved by the assistance of Mr. Gilbert, as Deacon.

The Public Fast, Jan. 4th, recommended by the Civil Authority, I appointed to be observed in the Churches of the Diocese, and

issued a brief Pastoral Letter on the subject, with a prescribed Service and prayer for use in the churches as the exigency might continue to require. I observed it myself in the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago, where I preached morning and afternoon. As the cloud then threatening has grown darker, and the rumor of war has advanced to the awful existence of it, we are again called to national contrition and supplication. I shall immediately issue suitable appointments for its public services; and beg that it may be observed with solemn fidelity by our whole Communion.

As the parish of the Holy Communion was without a Rector, I took charge of it, and for three successive Sundays filled the pulpit.

Sunday, February 17th, spent in Marengo, and confirmed *eleven* at the evening service; and was there again on the following Sunday, when I confirmed *five* in the morning. In the afternoon I catechized the children of the Sunday School, and distributed books. In the evening I preached, and confirmed *three* not able to be present in the morning, making a total of *nineteen*. The parish has zeal and strength, although with limited means.

On Monday, the 25th, I preached, and confirmed *five* in Trinity Church, Belvidere; and the Vestry presented a unanimous request for the Institution of the Rector, Rev. Isaac P. Labagh. After a meeting with the Vestry on Tuesday, I consented to do so, and appointed the next Sunday for the service. The Rev. Mr. Scofield, who had recently accepted the Rectorship of Emmanuel Church, Rockford, met me here and assisted in the services.

Went on to Rockford, and in the evening preached, and confirmed *two*—Mr. Stephen T. Allen, and daughter. Mr. A. was admitted a candidate for Orders, having been a Congregational minister; and his Ordination to the Diaconate has since then taken place.

On Sunday, March 3d, third Sunday in Lent, I fulfilled my appointment in Belvidere to institute the Rev. I. P. Labagh. In the morning I preached, and in the evening the Rector himself.

On my return, on Monday, I visited "Euphemia Hall," Marengo. After Prayers in the Chapel, attended the different recitations of the pupils, who at noon assembled again in the Chapel, when I had

Record of Acts: Euphemia Hall—Dixon—Grand Detour—Polo—Chicago Churches.

the pleasure of addressing them. It is the desire of Mr. Labagh to make this Institution a thorough and permanent Church School, where her daughters may be well educated under competent supervision, and a discipline in harmony with their Christian obligations and privileges. The matter was introduced to the notice of the Convention last year, and the purposes there expressed in my Address, in behalf of Mr. Labagh, are still unchanged; and the whole subject is fairly before the Diocese for any action, individual or corporate, which may seem likely to promote the object of Female Education.

On Sunday, March 10th, officiated in Dixon, administered the Holy Communion and confirmed *five*.

In the evening went alone to Grand Detour, and after service and sermon confirmed *three*. The Rev. A. J. Warner officiates regularly in both places, but was prevented by sickness from being present.

From Grand Detour I went to Polo, preached, and confirmed *five*. The Church building is in use, but not quite finished.

On the morning of the fifth Sunday in Lent I visited St. John's Church, Chicago, where I confirmed *ten*. The afternoon appointment in Christ Church failed; when I attended at the appointed time, I found that no preparation had been made for the service. I have heard since, incidentally, that the notice, although mailed at the same time and in the same manner as those for the other City Churches, did not, it is said, reach the Rector.

On the following Sunday I visited Grace Church, Chicago, preached, and confirmed *seventeen*. The Rev. Henry Stanley, from Western New York, assisted in the services.

In the afternoon of the same day I preached, and confirmed *twenty-three*, in St. James' Church, Chicago.

An appointment for Trinity Church, for Good Friday, I was requested by the Rector to postpone until the Confirmation could be administered in the new Church edifice. Since September, 1859, there have been only two persons confirmed in this parish, and one belonging to it, in my own Chapel.

Record of Acts; Passion Week—Bishop's Chapel—Rev. J. Wilkinson, Chaplain—F. A. Juny.

During Passion Week I held service twice a day in the building previously belonging to the Parish of the Atonement, but which I had purchased a few weeks before as a "Bishop's Chapel." I appointed the Rev. John Wilkinson my Chaplain, he still continuing Rector of Christ Church, Joliet, and the Rev. C. A. Gilbert, acting as his Assistant.

On the reception of the Rev. F. A. Juny into the Ministry of our Branch of the Church, he also became attached to it as a minister to the French population, and, as occasion may offer, to the German. The number of French residents in Chicago is probably three thousand; and although the work among them must, on many accounts, be attended at first with very limited success, we have found no cause for despondency thus far in the trial made. Several favorable points are opening for our services in German.

Rev. Erastus De Wolf, deacon, has been attached during the week to the Chapel work; and on Sunday acts as Missionary by my appointment and the invitation of the parishes at Onarga and other places.

On the Saints' and Holy days I have lectured in my Chapel, and on the Lord's day officiated alternately in it and in the Church of the Holy Communion, when not engaged in Visitations.

I have made arrangements for the enlargement of the building, and have purchased additional ground in the rear for that purpose. It is a work of individual responsibility, but affording me increased opportunity for the "Ministry of the Word," and the fuller exercise of my Episcopal Pastorate.

Its statistics will be duly embraced in the Journal of the Diocese, and include ninety-seven regular communicants, and about twenty-five who have communed without formally giving their names. There have been in the four months, one adult baptised and fourteen children, eight funerals, two marriages. The Sunday School contains a hundred and five scholars. *Eleven* have been confirmed.

Thursday, April 11th, I was in Christ Church, Ottawa, where, after sermon, I confirmed *fourteen*. Shortly after my visit, the valued Rector and wife lost, within a few days, both their children.

Record of Acts: Farmridge—Tiskilwa—Princeton—Providence—Resolutions—Lacon.

I record the bereavement with deep sympathy, and thankfulness that the Heavenly Comforter has enabled them to bear the dreadful trial with christian fortitude and submission.

From there, in a heavy storm, the continuance of which affected the service, I proceeded with Rev. H. T. Heister to his home and parish in Farmridge; and in the afternoon preached, and confirmed *one*—four others, duly prepared, being prevented from coming by the swollen streams. I rendered, in consequence, later in the season, another visitation to this rural flock.

Sunday, 14th, second Sunday after Easter, my morning service was at Tiskilwa, where we occupied the Methodist church. The Holy Communion was administered, and I confirmed *seven*. In the afternoon went to Princeton, where, in the Presbyterian house of worship, I again preached, but there were no candidates for Confirmation.

On Monday, April 15th, went to Providence, and again preached without Confirmation, but administered the Lord's Supper. On my return to Tiskilwa, at the Rector's house, I met a large body of the parishioners, and spent with them a pleasant evening, at the close of which were devotional services, and by the Vestry I was presented with a series of Resolutions, conveying, in the name of the Parish, very kind expressions of personal attachment and official confidence. I have been favored with similar acts of kindness from the congregation at Princeton, and previously from Springfield.

On Tuesday, April 16th, took the train for Lacon, where in the evening I occupied the new Chapel, finished since my last visit. The Rev. C. P. Clarke has been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the army, and the parish is now without a minister. There were no candidates for Confirmation.

From Lacon I went to Peoria, preached Wednesday evening and confirmed *three*.

Here I met Rev. Charles F. Loop, who had recently taken charge of St. Paul's, Pekin, to which I proceeded the next day. The small place of Worship here, built originally for a school house, has been much improved. The new Rector is esteemed, and the con-

Record of Acts: Farmington—Galesburg—Monmouth—Warsaw—Jacksonville—Chesterfield.

gregation is doing well, according to its number and means. The support is inadequate at present, without missionary assistance.

My next visit, April 19th, was to Calvary Church, Farmington, where, after the usual service, I confirmed *two*.

The next day I passed to Galesburg, and on Sunday, third after Easter, officiated in the morning in the new Church edifice, which is well arranged and in good taste. Confirmed *three*. Rode in the afternoon to Knoxville and preached; but there were no applicants for Confirmation.

On Monday, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Smithett, I went to Monmouth, Warren county. He had held service there, and prepared *two* for Confirmation, whom he presented. The Episcopalians there have since applied for permission to organize, which I have gladly given; and the prospects are fair of a permanent congregation.

My next appointment for Wednesday, April 24, was in Quincy; but the Rector, having been for some time confined to the house by sickness, requested a postponement. I passed through the city, spending a few hours on my way to Warsaw and on my return.

At Warsaw, Rev. Mr. Bostwick presented *two* persons for Confirmation. I returned the next day to Quincy, on my way to Jacksonville, where I arrived by midnight; and the next day, Friday, April 26th, preached at an afternoon Service, and confirmed *eight*. Five of these were mutes; for whom the Principal of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb interpreted my Address.

The Rev. Mr. Morrison became my companion on Saturday in my journey to Chesterfield, where, with great perseverance, the Rector had effected the completion of a Church. Sunday, fourth after Easter, it was consecrated, the fulfilment of hopes long cherished, and labors hard. The building was crowded, and the services awakened, apparently, great interest. *Seven* were confirmed. In the charge of Rev. D. W. Dresser, it is united with Carlinville, where, in the evening, I preached again; but there was no Confirmation.

The evening of Monday I officiated in Springfield, and baptized the infant of the Rector; confirmed *ten* and *one* the next day in private.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, in my own Chapel, Chicago, I received with appropriate services into the Ministry of our Branch of the Church, Rev. FREDERIC AUGUSTE JUNY, who had been highly commended to me from the diocese of Kentucky, within which he had been for seven years resident. Mr. Juny was a Priest of the Diocese of Metz in France; left the Roman Communion about eight years since; has been engaged a portion of that time in education; and has resumed the active duties of the Ministry, owing to the special call for services in their own language by the large number of French converts in Kankakee County and elsewhere.

There are in and about the city of Chicago, it is said, as many even as five thousand French, and for the last four months I have been making, at my own expense, the experiment of a Mission among them. A Morning service is held on the North side of the river, and an afternoon one in my own Chapel. Through the kindness of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, we are supplied with a sufficient number of French Prayer Books. The services are attended by a number of persons who understand the language, as well as by those to whom it is vernacular; and although the permanence of the mission is not settled, there is more to encourage than dispirit us. The Holy Communion and the rite of Confirmation have both been administered by myself: at the former ten or twelve were thus united to the Protestant branch of the Church. It is my intention to add a service in German as soon as a favorable occasion offers. Even if an experiment of this kind fails to secure the popular interest, there is a satisfaction in having made it. The failure defines the limits of a present responsibility, and thus mitigates the anxiety lest a favorable call for missionary enterprise should be disregarded.

My next Visitation service was in the southern part of the State, where, on May 30th, at Salem, on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, I preached, and confirmed *two*.

Sunday, first after Trinity, I spent in St. Johns, Albion, preaching, administering the Holy Communion, and confirming *four*. The

Record of Acts—Albion—Confirmation in Bishop's Chapel—Holy Communion, Chicago.

Rev. Robert Ryall is the Rector, and ministering faithfully and acceptably; but I fear that the depression in the private affairs of the Episcopalians there will prevent them from supporting him; while the isolated position of the town leaves no opportunity for uniting with any other place. On Monday morning I solemnized the marriage of the Rector with Miss Elizabeth Tyrrell; and in the evening officiated in the Presbyterian Church at Olney, Richland County, and baptized an infant. There is no Church organization at Olney; but, finding that several desired to be confirmed, I spent the next day in visiting them, assisted by Mr. Ryall, who accompanied me thus far on his way to St. Louis. In the evening I preached, confirmed *three* and baptized two children. Mr. Ryall promised services on the the following Sunday, which he fulfilled.

Sunday, June 16, I held Confirmation in my own Chapel, and laid hands upon *nine*—one of them presented by the Rector of Trinity.

On the following Sunday I officiated in "the Church of the Holy Communion," in Chicago, which has continued under my special charge since that time. This parish was formed by the Rev. Mr. Whipple in 1857, now Bishop of Minnesota, to be sustained entirely by free-will offerings. The building was erected under his supervision in 1859. Since the congregation has been deprived of the pastorship and personal influence so well adapted for the work, it has gradually declined, until, on the resignation of its late Rector, there did not remain force and means enough to settle a successor. The building is on leased ground, and, unfortunately, so badly constructed as to have become already dilapidated, and requiring an outlay of considerable amount to put it in repair and security. Under these circumstances the Vestry, disheartened, closed it. Without very sanguine conviction of permanent results, I proposed to supply the Church with services from my own Chapel, officiating there, alternately, myself. This has been done, and still continues. The collections are very small; but the attendance on the ministrations is increasing; and I am not yet willing to abandon the prospect of the ultimate revival of its own corporate vitality, or some modified use of it for "the worship and service of Almighty God," which its guardians may devise or approve.

Record of Acts: Sycamore—Chapel Service on Holy Days—Freeport—Galena.

On Wednesday evening, July 26th, I officiated in St. Peters', Sycamore, and with the sermon and address, confirmed *three* persons.

By St. Peter's day, Saturday 29th, I had returned to Chicago, and lectured on the Collect for the Day in my Chapel. I advert to this to add that the Holy and Saints' days, being all observed by the appointed Services, I have in such cases, including Passion Week, added a lecture on the Collect or Epistle.

Thursday, July 4th, was religiously observed at the Chapel by morning and afternoon services; and on the former occasion with the addition of a sermon by myself.

Tuesday, July 9th, I held an appointed Visitation in Zion Church, Freeport, and confirmed *six*, using for the services the Presbyterian house of worship. The day previous there had been a violent storm, during which the Episcopal Church edifice, then undergoing extensive alterations and repairs, was prostrated and entirely destroyed by a whirlwind. It is a loss of peculiar severity to this congregation. Small and depressed in means, at best, its members had made a resolute effort to raise among themselves an amount for the enlargement of the building, which the encouraging growth of the congregation demanded. This had been expended; and the work, which had been delayed beyond reasonable time, at last promised to stand complete. In an instant all was gone; and I came on the ground to regard only a shapeless wreck, and meet a people in sorrow and dismay. It is a case which, in all its particulars, appeals to the sympathy of the Church at large; and already benefactions have been sent enough to warrant the raising the walls of a new structure, and to cheer the flock with an assurance that they will not be left to perish in their calamity.

From Freeport I went to Galena, and in the evening confirmed *seven*, presented by Rev. J. H. Egar, who has there recently succeeded the Rev. H. M. Thompson, returned to the Diocese of Wisconsin.

On the seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 14th, I celebrated the Holy Communion, in French, in my chapel, to fifteen recipients; being, probably, the first time that the Sacrament had been thus

administered in an Episcopal church at the West. The same remark will apply to the Confirmation at the same place, on Sunday, August 25th. The Rev. C. Locke, Rector of Grace Church, held service and preached one Sunday in the same tongue, on the North side in the Church of St. Ansgarius, during the winter.

On Sunday, July 21st, Rev. Erastus DeWolf, deacon, visited, as a Missionary sent by me, the congregation at Onarga; and in pursuance of the same work has continued to officiate there, and been to Aurora and other places. I hope to have a supply of diaconate ministrations always around me to work in the waste places of the City, and wherever, within reasonable distance, feeble or unsupplied parishes or unbroken missionary ground may require such contingent ministrations. It will be connected for the Deacons, resident near me, with supervision and instruction in their preparation for the Priesthood. Arrangements are on foot for the Clergy, Deacons and Students connected with my Church, residing together; thus forming an ecclesiastical Home where all calls for pastoral duty can be promptly met, and the social life be congenial and improving.

Saturday, August 3d, I examined for Deacon's Orders, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Wilkinson and Juny, STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN, late a Minister of the Congregationalists; and the next morning, being the tenth Sunday after Trinity, I admitted and ordained him to the Diaconate in my Chapel. The candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Juny, who, from eight years' residence in this country, has acquired a free use of our language, and is quite competent for its liturgical and pulpit services. Rev. Mr. Allen preached in the afternoon and evening; and has since been stationed in Trinity Church, Aurora, and St. John's, Naperville.

The twelfth Sunday after Trinity I spent in Christ Church, Waukegan, preaching on both occasions of Divine service, and in the evening confirming *thirteen*. The Church building has been much improved in capacity and appearance by the addition of a Chancel; and in the short time of Mr. Wright's rectorship a very marked impression for good has been produced.

Record of Acts: Bishop's Chapel—City Missions, St. Ansgarius—Rev. Jacob Bredberg.

In the Bishop's Chapel, August 25th, thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, I confirmed *three*—two of them members of Grace Church, Chicago. On the afternoon of the same day I held Confirmation in French, when *one* Candidate was presented.

On Sunday afternoon, September 1st, I fulfilled an appointed Visitation of the congregation under charge of the Rev. E. B. Tuttle, worshipping in the church of St. Ansgarius. The building has undergone material changes, not affecting unfavorably its capacity for worship, and yet affording place for the benevolent work of the Mission in dormitory and school room. *Fourteen* were presented for Confirmation, and the aspect of the congregation indicated a useful work.

Among our Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, is the Rev. JACOB BREDBERG, an ordained Minister of the Church of Sweden, whom I have recently received on his Letters of Orders and other papers from the Bishop of Skara. In this I have, of course, formally recognized the validity of the Episcopate in that venerable Church: guided in this act by the best-informed judgment of the English Church and that of my brethren in the Episcopate here, whose opinion was favorably, though informally, expressed in answer to my own request for it, during the last Session of the House of Bishops in Richmond. This referred to the giving of Letters Dimissory to the Swedish Bishops, as well as the reception of ministers from there as regularly ordained. Mr. Bredberg succeeds the Rev. Mr. Unonius in ministering to the Swedes connected with the Church of St. Ansgarius, Chicago; and there is a prospect that, through him, I shall be enabled to extend the use of our services into some Swedish settlements accessible by Railroad. There is a prospect of one or more young Swedes offering themselves for the Diaconate to assist in this work. Mr. Bredberg has been for some time officiating under the discipline of the Swedish Methodist Conference, and from the itinerant system has become well known to a large number of his countrymen. This is one movement—small indeed—towards a closer fellowship with the National Church in Sweden; an event which the recorded action of the General Convention has shown to be an object of interest.

Limestone—Farmridge—Ordinations. Present State of the Diocese—Churches unsupplied.

On Sunday, September 8th, I visited the church at Limestone, Peoria county, under charge of Rev. John Benson, who resides at Farmington, nearly twenty miles distant; but on alternate Sundays ministers here. The influence of his faithful labor, wrought with a feeble frame, is clearly seen in both places; but was impressed upon me forcibly on Sunday, when the rural church was crowded in every part, and *ten* were presented for confirmation. The Holy Communion was celebrated, and I preached and addressed the Candidates.

I spent the evening and part of the next morning at Jubilee College, in company with James Carter, Esq., of Chicago, one of the Committee to visit the Institution appointed at the last Convention.

On Tuesday, September 10th, I, a second time, went to Farmridge: preached, and confirmed *four*.

In the evening I confirmed *six* in the Church where we are assembled; and in the afternoon a sick lady, in private, making an aggregate for the year of *twenty-one*; no small proof of the general pastoral fidelity with which its interests are cared for.

During the opening services of Wednesday, September 11th, I ordained to the Priesthood Rev. Salmon Riego Weldon and Rev. Charles A. Gilbert. The former was presented by Rev. Dr. Chase, and the latter by Rev. John Wilkinson. The clergy assisting in the opening services of the Convention united in the laying on of hands.

PRESENT STATE OF THE DIOCESE.

I will subjoin to this a Tabular Summary of the leading statistics contained in the Address, as showing at a glance the relative aggregate and difference, but premise the facts necessary for full information in addition to those already given.

The Churches in the following places were unsupplied at the last Convention, and now enjoy stated ministrations under a settled pastorship:

AURORA, BELVIDERE, BLOOMINGTON, COLLINSVILLE and neighborhood, GENESEO and CAMBRIDGE, LEWISTOWN, NAPERVILLE, PEKIN, PERU, ROCK ISLAND, ROCKFORD, ST. ANSGARIUS, Chicago, Swedish.

Present State of the Diocese—Churches new supplied—Only two places vacant.

These are all partially, but at present regularly, supplied :

Hyde Park, Woodstock, Utica, Onarga.

The ministrations of the Church have been extended in addition to the Episcopalians in *Arcola, Monmouth, Macomb, Pontiac, Tuscola, Sterling*, and other places, which will be noticed in the Parochial Reports.

It is somewhat remarkable in contrast with the above, that the only two places supplied at the time of the last Convention, and now vacant, are Lacon and Elgin, both too weak to retain a settled pastor, and for the present not able to combine with any other point.

I have given my consent for the organization of the Church at Monmouth, and shall present the papers from "St. George's, Utica," asking admission, although the delay has created a technical irregularity.

I have before expressed distinctly my opinion that it is not expedient to press so hastily the formal Organization of the Church in our Missionary places, the more so as an application to be admitted into the Convention follows almost as a matter of course. This elevates, indeed, the little body to the dignity of a Parish, but it imposes upon it the obligation of meeting the charges incident to the franchise. It becomes justly bound for its share of all the Convention and other dues imposed by the Canons, and which can not be repudiated without dishonor, or neglected without in some particular vitiating the right of representation. A simple Parochial Association answers for a time all the local purpose. The members combining at first incidentally, and under differing and even transient impulses, have time to become intimate; they prove and aggregate the men suitable for officers, and test to some degree the reliable permanence. The main import of a legal corporate existence is only in connection with real property and the erection of a Church edifice. It is obviously in all respects a matter of delicate administration, in which the chief actors are imperfectly acquainted with the rules of the Church, but heartily anxious to show all fidelity, and secure all privilege. The Convention cannot well refuse to admit an applicant for union with papers right in the

Present State of the Diocese: Diocese prosperous—Modifications of the same.

civil and canonical requirements. Still there underlies a serious difficulty on both sides, not to create hastily what may prove a mere nominal existence in the great work of the Church, and in reality become a stain of decay; and also not lightly to incorporate an unsubstantial existence as a component power on the level of equality in our Convention. The clergy can best order this matter by their advice, as respectively they may be called on to act in the growth of their missionary work. It is better for us to grow strong and sure, rather than as the "hasty summer fruit."

The Diocese this year has apparently prospered, and in face, of course, of the obstacles raised by the derangement of business, pressure of pecuniary difficulties, and our fearful National crisis. I am far enough from feeling that there is any ground for boasting, or could be, were all ten times told. Each parish has had some peculiar difficulties to resist, which may be perhaps regarded as generic. Many of them are very feeble, and only kept alive by Missionary assistance. Others have heavy obligations, past or prospective, for the building of places of Worship. The vicissitudes are sudden and disastrous;—the failure of a single prominent man; an idle disagreement with the minister on the part of two or three contributors; a disposition to retrench, which "judgment begins at the House of God;" the removal of half a dozen families; disappointment from losing a favorite Pastor; some local or municipal change in the prospects of the town;—incidents like these, which would be trivial and temporary in the old Dioceses, produce reverses among us which convert at a stroke pleasant order into the anxiety of threatened ruin. The gain of one year may thus be seriously affected in the next, simply by the changes which belong to a new, enterprising, but fluctuating social condition, where the Church is without hereditary strength, and depends for its temporal sustenance on many who contribute only for the sake of some member of their family, whose predilections they indulge, but in whose pious anxieties they have no fellowship.

Our rejoicing, then, at best must be with trembling, as material lies thick for apprehension and discouragement. It may be easy

to fling against our hasty building the taunt, "If a fox go up he shall even break down the stone walls;" and this, apart from the insidious statements of decline, for which it were relief to find the apology of ignorance. A popular imputation of neglect or indifference may spring from any section of our ground yet unentered, and the touching appeals of the scattered Church families which it is impossible for us to reach. Would that we could all do more. Some of us are trying to do faithfully what we can; and while our personal deficiency may well humble us, there is a true-hearted consciousness behind which permits us to say with good Nehemiah, "Remember us, O our God, and wipe not out the kindnesses that we have done for the House of our God, and spare us according to the greatness of Thy mercy."

While speaking of the state of the Diocese generally, allow me to remark to the Clergy especially, that where confidence can be reasonably entertained that the Bishop will visit the parish each year, the preparation for Confirmation should not be left, as it is frequently, until the notice of that appointment is received. It should form a marked part of the parochial arrangement. The young should be brought together for systematic instruction for the solemn obligation; and then from the class in training, as the time becomes fixed, the proper recipients could be selected, if all did not answer the requirements. A similar watchfulness should be exercised over the adults, and each one be addressed and registered in view of the personal obligation. I believe that with more systematic preparation for the annual Visitation, the effect of it would be increased both in numbers and the more satisfactory training of the Candidates.

The number of Visitations has not been as large as it readily might have been, had the Parishes been prepared to receive them with satisfaction to themselves in the appointed course. But it frequently happens that they are not; and owing to a vacancy in the Rectorship, or other causes, a postponement is solicited, or a passing by required, and there afterwards occurs no opportunity for a proper retrieval.

Changes among the Clergy—Letters Dimissory.

CHANGES AMONG THE CLERGY.

The following have left the Diocese with Letters Dimissory since the last Convention.

Rev. WILLIAM FULTON, to the Ecc'l authority of Iowa.

" SAMUEL D. PULFORD,	" Michigan.
" SEBASTIAN B. HODGES,	" New Jersey.
" JOHN O. BARTON,	" Wisconsin.
" CHARLES B. STOUT,	" Iowa.
" HUGH MILLER THOMPSON,	" Wisconsin.

Total, SIX.

The following have been received since the last Convention :

Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, from Ecc'l authority of Alabama.

" ISAAC P. LABAGH,	" New York.
" MICHAEL SCOFIELD,	" New York.
" CHARLES F. LOOP,	" Missouri.
" CHARLES H. WILLIAMSON, M.D.,	" Mississippi.
" JOHN H. EGAR,	" Wisconsin.
" MATTHEW MAGILL,	" Ohio.
" JOHN FOSTER,	" Mississippi.
" CHARLES H. ALBERT,	" New Jersey.
" EDWARD P. WRIGHT,	" Indiana.
" JAMES W. COE,	" Wisconsin.
" THOMAS SMITH,	" Missouri.
" A. P. CROUCH,	" Missouri.

Total, THIRTEEN.

The following have been added by Ordination :

Rev. ERASTUS DE WOLF, Deacon.

" STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN, Deacon.

" JOHN CAUCH, Deacon.

" FREDERIC AUGUSTE JUNY, admitted from the Romanists.

" JACOB BREDBERG, admitted from Sweden.

Total, FIVE.

The clergy thus added to the Diocese, arranged in alphabetical order, have settled, or are engaged as follows :

REV. CHARLES H. ALBERT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

REV. STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN, Aurora and Naperville.

REV. JOHN CAUCH, Assistant to Rector of the Church of the Advent, Marengo.

REV. JAMES W. COE, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

REV. ERASTUS DEWOLF, Missionary at Onarga and other places.

REV. JOHN H. EGAR, Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

REV. JOHN FOSTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

REV. FREDERIC AUGUSTE JUNY, Chaplain to the Bishop and French Missionary.

REV. ISAAC P. LABAGH, Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere.

REV. CHARLES F. LOOP, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

REV. MATTHEW MAGILL, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island.

REV. MICHAEL SCOFIELD, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

REV. EDWARD P. WRIGHT, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

REV. JACOB BREDBERG, Minister of St. Ansgarius Church, Chicago.

REV. A. P. CROUCH, Christ Church, Collinsville, and parts adjacent.

REV. THOMAS SMITH, Chicago.

REV. ALBERT EDWARD WELLS, Deacon, Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, and Pontiac; and

REV. JOHN W. SHATZELL, Assistant Trinity Church, Belvidere and in "Euphemia Hall," Marengo, have not been yet transferred.

Among the Clergy as reported at the last Convention have occurred the following parochial changes :

REV. CALEB A. BRUCE removed from Alton and become Rector of St. James', Lewistown.

REV. ANSON CLARK, then without charge, is Rector of Trinity Church, Geneseo.

REV. CHARLES P. CLARK, then at Lacon, has become Chaplain in the Army.

 Notices of Discipline—Candidates for Orders.

Rev. WILLIAM H. COOPER has left Waukegan and is Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago.

Rev. JOHN WILKINSON is Chaplain to the Bishop, but retains the Rectorship of Christ Church, Joliet.

NOTICES OF DISCIPLINE.

The official Notices of Discipline from other Dioceses, claiming record here for your information, are :

Rev. GEORGE WILLIAM GODFREY, deposed by Bishop of New York.

Rev. THOMAS N. RALSTON, D.D., under Tit. II, Can. VI, Digest, by Bishop of Kentucky.

Rev. GEORGE B. TAYLOR, Tit. II, Can. II, by Bishop of California.

Rev. CHARLES W. FEARNs, Tit. II, Can. V, by Bishop of Ohio.

Rev. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, L.L.D., Presbyter, for reasons connected with the state of his health :

Rev. GEORGE N. MONRO, Deacon : both by Bishop of New York. Tit. II, Can. I, Sec. 1.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

The candidates for Holy Orders during the year have been TEN.

ERASTUS DEWOLF, ordained.

O. C. DAKE, transferred, by request, to the Bishop of the North-West.

BERNARD MCGANN.

J. WAINWRIGHT RAY.

STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN, ordained.

JOHN CAUCH, ordained.

PETER ARVIDSON.

ALFRED CAULDWELL.

J. H. KNOWLES, transferred from Bishop of Michigan.

CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, admitted in Texas, has placed himself under my direction, and is acting as Lay Reader.

Candidates for Diaconate—Candidates for Priesthood—Ordinations, Diaconate and Priesth'd.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DIACONATE.

BERNARD MCGANN.

J. WAINWRIGHT RAY.

PETER ARVIDSON.

ALFRED CAULDWELL.

J. H. KNOWLES.

CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL.

Total, SIX.

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD.

CHARLES A. GILBERT.

ERASTUS DEWOLF.

STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN.

ORDINATIONS.

DIACONATE.

In Jubilee College Chapel, January 23d, ERASTUS DEWOLF. The candidate was presented by Rev. Dr. CHASE.

In my own Chapel, on the tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 10th, STEPHEN THOMPSON ALLEN; presented by Rev. F. A. JUNY.

In my own Chapel, on fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 1st, JOHN CAUCH; presented by Rev. THOMAS SMITH, who preached the Sermon on the occasion.

PRIESTHOOD.

In Jubilee College Chapel, on the twenty-third day of January, I admitted and ordained Rev. JOHN READ WEST, Deacon, to the Order of Priests. He was presented by Rev. Dr. CHASE, who, with Rev. T. N. BENEDICT and Rev. JOHN BENSON, united in the laying on of hands.

In Christ Church, Ottawa, on the first day of the Convention, Rev. SALMON RIEGO WELDON and Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT were admitted and ordained to the Order of the Priesthood.

MISSIONARIES.

The Missionary work of the Diocese has been assisted, as heretofore, by the appropriation from the Domestic Committee; and without it, I know not what could have been done to meet the wants of Ministers and the weakness of Churches to which the dole, broken into such small pieces, is the turning of life and death. For long years have I known, at its council board, the spirit and action of that Committee, change as it might its individual members; for long years have I, as a Bishop, been pensioner, for your sakes, on its annual appropriations, and in the exercise of my diocesan prerogative, which its rules, as the agent of the Church, require it to respect, been dependent on its judgment as correlative with my own. Through all I can and am bound to say, that never has the instance occurred where action, whether in harmony with my own or discrepant, has seemed to have its secret impulse or open purpose in an attempt to infringe on allowed freedom of opinion in the Church, or discriminate its appointments by a bias of partizanship. My only pain has been, that, in our poverty or less excusable neglect, there has failed to be over the Diocese the uniform response of parochial collection in behalf of the work—Domestic and Foreign—which, large or small, if met in honest ability, would bring blessing for the Pastor and the Flock that thus honored the claim of gratitude, and the missionary unity of the Church.

I think it, too, a sad day when generous hearts of the Church's Ministry and Laity associate under a name and principle which, while abstractly true, practically produces results far other, I believe, than the high-minded and devout many, whom I honor and love among its friends, know or would sanction. As it meets my experience, that system, as administered, tends to make Parishes and Ministers stipendiaries for opinion; introduces discordant views into the feeble Churches; engenders mutual distrust; classifies the Clergy by arbitrary and forced distinctions; exasperates local differences; and, under the appearance of helping the Diocese by bearing a selected portion of its burthen, ignores it as a whole and

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in its parts, works irrespective of it, and against it within its own borders. I speak boldly, because I feel strongly these present and prospective evils. I feel that, in my own relations, and that of the large majority of the Clergy and Laity, it is utterly needless to pervert, even in appearance, an alleged kindness into a wrong. There is no difference of doctrinal sentiments, or reluctance to allow to donors the watchful direction of their own gifts, that would prevent the Bishop and the Missionary Board, and the Diocese at large from accepting, gratefully, the benefactions which might be offered and applied to its use in frank and loyal kindness.

The "Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Illinois," is a visible and recognized body, with its Bishop, Clergy and Laity; with its Convention and Canons, Standing Committee and Missionary Board; with its Parishes and Missionary stations; its area of destitution, and its demonstrative life of growth. If this, which is the exact sum of the Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois, inclusive and exclusive, has no right to the sympathy of the "American Church Missionary Society," in a way honorable to its own unity, just to its self-respect, and open to the ready tribute of its gratitude, then I am sure I say, Brethren, what the most of you, and the Clergy and Laymen all over would wish me to say, firmly and respectfully, "LET US ALONE!" And equally sure I am, that, if thus frankly that Society will help our necessity, it will as rarely happen with its Executive as it does with the Missionary Board of the Church, that there would be a conflicting opinion about the recipient of the benefaction, or influence within or without follow that choice to impede his way or derogate from his just position of confidence, freedom and brotherly kindness.

APPOINTMENTS OF DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

The appointments made by the Domestic Committee are comprised in the following parishes and incumbents:

CHESTERFIELD AND CARLINVILLE, Rev. David W. Dresser.

SYCAMORE, Rev. Warren H. Roberts.

DECATUR, Rev. William M. Steel.

MARENGO, Rev. J. H. Waterbury.

WARSAW, Rev. William L. Bostwick.

KEWANEE, Rev. John B. Richmond.

ALBION, Rev. Robert Ryall.

DIXON AND GRAND DETOUR, Rev. A. J. Warner.

FOR PROVIDENCE, Rev. GEORGE C. STREET.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

Of the immediate course and result of this year's work in your own Missionary Board, I can say little, but refer you to its Report, which ought to show, if there is any reality in the alleged objections of the past, a liberal list of Appointments and large Contributions from sources which have not, in my judgment, hitherto met honorably their allegiance of charity. The power or the exercise of "Nomination" vested in the Bishop may have been before an indefinite, but assuredly mistaken, ground of suspicion. But this at last found expression in rash words of cruel breadth, with signatures of Ministers solemnly setting hand to its truth. In such an issue but one course seemed right for a Bishop, who loved his flock, and knew the griefs of its missionaries, and the depths of the pang that came with the loss of the pittance or a delay in its payment. It was indeed true, without an exception to gainsay it, that the Bishop never had exercised the right of "Nomination," involving an approach to that with which it is confounded, official "Appointment." It was also true, that in every case during his Episcopate, the selection or approval of the Missionary had been entirely at the will of the Parish, or of the yet unorganized body to whom he was to be sent. Still, whatever had been the past exercise or reticence of prerogative, the duty of the crisis was plain: for St. Paul had met and solved it—"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient"—and in view of that Christian expediency I have confined myself strictly to the technical act, and left all freely and fully to those so specially combined by the last Convention, praying God to fulfil, through their abundance, my unwilling "lack of service toward you."

But if this experiment shall have failed, and it be evident that distrust in the integrity of application is not the right argument to move to our common charity: then I beseech you, as the Council of the Church, devise the means, if possible acceptable to all, by which, in the crisis of maintenance that confronts us, every Church and every Minister may stand up to the exigency—may collect earnestly and with system the means, concentrate them scrupulously in our suffering borders, and by this assure the fainting hearts of the Ministry that there shall be one purse, and that purse filled and emptied in resolute sympathy, strong enough to stifle, as relatively frivolous, every contravening impulse.

We should settle in our minds the conviction how delicate and exposed is the administration of such a trust, and how easily mistakes may be committed, lest we confound with an intelligent perversion the all but unavoidable accident. There is not a more oppressive problem to the Christian mind, than a wise and just almonry. We may be baffled even in Pastoral aid, how to give where it is needed and in due proportion: to continue the gratuity long enough to stimulate liberality and exertion, and yet withdraw it before it becomes a bounty to personal meanness and corporate sloth. The best appropriations complicate with private affairs, and are actuated by reasons which do not lie on the surface, nor can be publicly explained. There must be cases of grave mistake; cases anomalous enough to be easily spotted by an "evil eye," and others fairly open to question in proper time and place. Certain it is, that it is easy to find fault, and confuse in so doing, for our own moral responsibility, between what is generous and dutiful, and that which exalts our selfish consequence and flatters our self-will.

LAY READERS.

The Nineteenth Canon of the Diocese prescribes: "that none shall be considered as authorized to officiate as Lay Reader in this Diocese, except in cases of peculiar emergency, without a written license from the Bishop; and Lay Readers shall, in all cases,

conform to the provisions of the XIth Canon of the General Convention," now known in reference as Title 1, Can. 3, Sec. II.

Under this provision, with due appointment, and acting, where not otherwise mentioned, under my own supervision, the following persons have continued to render service to the Church as the respective cases required :

JAMES CLARK, Limestone; supervision, Rev. JOHN BENSON.

PETER ARVIDSON, Algonquin.

JACOB BOCKEE, M. D., Hyde Park.

B. F. MATTESON, Morris.

RODNEY S. BOWEN, Wilmington.

GEORGE M. LOVELL, Onarga.

N. HOLST, Wyoming.

CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Galesburg; Rev. W. T. SMITHETT.

ALPHEUS HASBROUCK, Mattoon.

JOHN K. BASHFORTH, Griggsville.

RUFUS P. PARRISH and JEREMIAH HOPKINS; Kewanee, Rev. J. B. RICHMOND.

In all cases where the Lay Reading is in connection with an organized Parish, I have requested the Vestry of the same to select and nominate to me the person; and have been, in like manner, guided by the recommendation of the Clergyman, if intended to act under his supervision. Several of the gentlemen named in the list perform regularly the services of the Church, and are thus doing a Missionary work of permanent value in sustaining weak Parishes and gathering Episcopalians who would be otherwise scattered and disheartened. There can be no doubt that this agency might be extended, and the Church families in many places be provided, through it, with an opportunity of Public Worship, wholesome instruction and Christian fellowship. It forms a "Savings bank" for the capital of the future Congregation, and aggregates for the enterprise, not only the individuals, but the love and principle, the godly habits and wholesome associations which otherwise become irreparably squandered.

Lay Reading: Services should be attended regularly—Appeal. Act of Gen'l Assembly, '61.

Lay ministry in this form is necessarily conservative, rather than aggressive. It can be expected to collect and keep together those only who are "religiously and devoutly disposed" to serve God from a conscientious attachment to the worship of the Church. As the whole excitement and interest must be in the Liturgy, more than usual resolution is demanded to sustain these quiet Sabbath gatherings. A very marked increase of attendance is hardly to be expected in our age of exhaustive enthusiasm, and the whole, in every case, are far too few to admit of irregularity in any without damage to the interest, and a sense of failure imparted to the Lay Reader himself. His delicacy easily runs into discouragement; and from sensitive scruple he ceases ministrations which he feels no authority for pressing on the taste or conscience of others.

I offer, then, on this point the earnest appeal, that religious and qualified persons may feel themselves called of God to undertake this Office; and that in every place where two or three can be thus gathered together, the baptized in the Church will recognize their allegiance to her Services and Discipline; faithfully separate themselves for this appointed Worship; come together with one accord in one place, and thus far steadfast in the "Apostles' doctrine and fellowship," even though for a time deprived of the Ministry, wait for the promise of the Lord.

ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1861.

It is my duty to call the attention of the Convention to the fact, that, at the last session of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, an Act was passed under the following title: "An Act amendatory of an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid superannuated Ministers, and widows and children of deceased Ministers, approved February 10th, 1849.'"

It was presented and carried through by the Senator from Cook county, no other parties appearing by petition or otherwise. The Bishop, the Church in the whole Diocese, and even the Rector and

Act of the Gen'l Assembly: Real object—Act void. Appendix to Address of '60: Docum'ts.

officers of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, were kept in ignorance of the purpose and movement until it had received the sanction of the Governor.

The real object of the effort was covertly to repeal the Act of 1853, entitled "An Act authorizing certain persons holding property in trust for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois to convey the same." This Act empowered the Bishop and his Successors in office to hold property in trust: this amended Act seeks to divest the Bishop of all property held under it, and to vest the same in the "Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois," and directs that all parties shall exhibit and submit to the Convention full accounts of the same. I am advised by the most competent legal authorities that the Act of 1861 is unconstitutional and void; and I am not aware that I hold any trust for which, under its provisions, even admitting its validity, I could respond. I beg to commend the subject for instruction; and as an attempt on the part of incompetent persons to assume the powers of the Convention and Diocese, and by an unwary legislation to embarrass your established order.

THE APPENDIX TO ADDRESS OF 1860.

On the 27th page of my "Ninth Annual Address" there is a note in the following words:

"As Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, will be found Documents as follows:

Original Deed—Agreement between Henry J. Whitehouse and Cyrenius Beers—Opinion of Standing Committee, 1856—Opinion of Standing Committee, 1857—Appeal made to me by the Clergymen and some prominent Laymen of Chicago, 1857."

It must also have been observed, that neither in the copies of the Journal, nor in the Address as published separately, are the papers comprehended which answer to this reference.

In my Address to the last Convention there is a succinct account of the settlement by compromise of my interest in certain property in Chicago connected with my purpose of founding a Bishop's Church. In a later part of the Session it became proper for me to refer at length to original papers of leading importance, equally

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essential to the case in reference to my own course, the action of the Convention, the information of the Church, and permanent record of the future. These Documents deemed thus important for my own official statement, and virtually part of the *res gestæ* of the session, I made formally a portion of my Address, attached under the title of "Exhibits," and the whole Journal with the Address, properly printed, was left ready for binding on my going to New York in October to bring on my family. On my return to Chicago, I found that, in my absence, the Secretary had assumed the responsibility of suppressing them and of issuing the Address thus mutilated. This was done without conveying to me in any way an intimation of even an opinion adverse to the publication of the Documents, much less any purpose of so extraordinary a violation, on his part, of propriety and duty. My inquiry afterwards failed to elicit any plausible reason to justify the step, which, I presume, like many other questionable acts, was the dictate of some impulse of temper rather than a reflective action conscientiously weighed. Regarded in any personal bearing, I should certainly have passed it by in silence; but trenching as it does on privilege, and invading a right, which I hold to be inviolate, of uttering, on my official responsibility, what I may deem proper, I cannot allow the incident to pass by default, or leave a seeming precedent for such arbitrary Censorship. I am obliged to invoke the protection of this Convention, requesting it to affirm distinctly my Episcopal privilege in Charge and Address; and to order the insertion of the "Exhibits," as already printed, in the Journal of the present year.

STATISTICS.

Number of Clergy, sixty-six, and two not transferred—sixty-eight.

Presbyters in duty, sixty-two; entitled to a seat in Convention, fifty-four; not entitled, eight. Settled in Parishes, fifty-two; not settled, ten—from ill health, three; absent, one; other causes, six.

Deacons, five

Statistics. Our Christian Duty in the National Trial—The moral reproach general.

Clergy added to the Diocese, nineteen; by letters dimissory, thirteen; by ordination, three; by reception, two; not transferred, but settled, one.

Clergy dismissed to other Dioceses, six.

Ordinations, six; Priesthood, three; Diaconate, three.

Candidates for Priesthood, three.

Candidates for the Diaconate, six; whole number during year, ten; transferred, one; ordained, three.

Licensed Lay Readers, twelve.

Parishes vacant 1860, now supplied, twelve; supplied 1860, now vacant, two; vacant 1860, now with stated services, four; new places now supplied, six.

Consent for organization, one.

Consecration of churches, two.

Institution of Rector, one.

Change of Parish from report of last year, four; actual change, two; as army chaplain, one; without charge 1860, now settled, one.

Visitations, fifty-two.

Confirmations—number confirmed, two hundred and eighty-four; number of times, forty-eight; private, three.

Bishop's Record—Baptisms, adult, two; infant, fifteen; Funerals, two; Marriages, one; Holy Communion, twenty-two.

OUR CHRISTIAN DUTY IN THE NATIONAL TRIAL.

On many accounts I should desire to close my Address without a direct mention of the subject, which, indeed, is uppermost in every mind, and crushes with anxiety the Nation's heart. But in such an hour, it were hardly proper to withhold the counsels my station demands, from a sense of personal diffidence however deep in my own consciousness. We are in a fearful crisis. We are plunged into Civil war under circumstances more appalling for the present and future, than past History can measure. I am not disposed to cast the moral reproach of this state of things on one portion of our country alone. It is the effect of deterioration in principle, and breach of obligations in which all are involved; of corrupt and

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selfish politics; of venality and fraud in official trust; of sinking love of country into the base tactics of party, of which the gains of Office are the spoils, and availability the mean test of worth. As a generation, we are probably lower in vigorous and controlling principle in morals and religion, compared with our advantages, than any other that has lived. Language can hardly be too strong in charging us with faults deep in moral iniquity, and perilous in their tendency to group and grow in fungus corruption. But sad as these changes may be in our national morality, the purity of our Government, and our social viciousness, it is no remedy for national offences to abandon our Nationality, or to rend it in pieces, as the wild beast its prey. There is stern necessity to suppress this as Rebellion: and we cannot doubt, in the claim upon us from the Bible, and the Church, for "obedience to the Civil Authority regularly and legitimately constituted," where that obedience is due. The Nation—the great American Republic as represented by its Chief Magistrate, and those in authority with him—must constitute for us that "Civil Authority" which exacts, as from God, our devout allegiance; comprehends our dearest rights and precious interests; and demands the sacrifices as well as the fealty of dutiful citizens. In the violent attempt for its disruption, any other course would be madness; and whether as Christians or Citizens, looking in that direction, there cannot be misgiving as to right or faltering as to duty. We may hope and pray that in the mercy of God, it may be arrested without long struggle, and all but incurable sequences. We must pray to God to forgive the national sins; and as they find their place in our hearts, strive to correct them. We may pity with strong tears the delusion which impels the generous and good into such misguided strife; and implore a stronger power than man to arrest the passionate recklessness and corrupt designs of others, who make "liberty the cloak of maliciousness."

But as the issue now stands, forced upon us, we are united in the feeling—the Government must be sustained. This is the all but universal sentiment around us, and it did not require my reiteration to give it weight and solemnity. But with the fearful

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condition of Civil war raging, and with this our recognized position of duty as Citizens towards the Constitution and Government—bound to give it hearty and efficient support—there are thoughts and obligations which belong to us in our distinct position as Ministers and Communicants of the Church. There are dangers and trials which we are to foresee, and as far as in us lies, avert or soothe. There are passions which we must rebuke and temper; sorrows and adversities requiring our special sympathy; and great malign influences, to defeat and destroy vital religion, which will demand watchful and unwearied labor to overmatch. On you, and those like you over the Land, must rest that burthen of intercession by which God may be moved to take the cause into His own hands. If God do not help us, vain is the help of man. Hence, as Christians, our place, our posture, our work, our trust. The crowd may grope as the blind. The wisdom of the World may exhaust itself in sagacity and policy. The jeopardied interests of Trade, Manufacture and Commerce may close in serried strength. Voices of eloquence may pour over the Crowd the appeals of patriotism, and historic reverence, and deep-toned warning. The picked Representatives may confer in the secret Chamber. We fault not these. But it may all be done—it will be largely done in atheistic reliance on human strength, while the Arm of the Lord, made bare in chastening judgment, may be unheeded; His Hand in beckoning mercy be refused; His Voice in eternal truth and pity be overborne by the wise and mighty and enterprising of dying men.

Here is our place then, ambassadors for God, to exhibit and sustain His influence, while in humility, and yet earnestness, we plead for Him, and plead with Him. It must be our care to carry all up and back to our Father in Heaven—and to Him who sitteth upon the Throne—to honor Him in His Providence, in humiliation under confessed transgressions, in sincere religious searching of heart, a calm trust in His protection, which may rise, as need comes, to the joy in tribulation which knows that “all things work for good.” To this personal discipline, this soul advance, what we are now passing through ought to minister. We must urge the

spirit of prayer in view of impending displeasure, and to avert the calamity; in view of fearful exposure to dangerous evils of anarchy, infidelity and social disorder in every form; in view of evil passions, wrath and violence, anger and revenge. But with deeper aim, still more filial relation, closer application; seeking to be made better, wiser for the unseen through the vanity for substantial reliance of earthly gifts however numerous or profuse. In the measure of our spiritual integrity as Christians, we can do good to our Country, good to the living and to the unborn; for sure it is, if we are spared in this fearful crisis—restored again to comparative harmony, or knit in trustful brotherhood—it will be because His people turned and sought Him; and because in the midst of our National folly, irreverence, injustice, and guilt, there were praying and faithful found in the Land to plead and prevail.

Hence, as I have before had occasion to say, as Ministers of the Prince of Peace, the sanctity and reserve of our Office should restrain us from mingling with forwardness in the spirit and conduct of this awful strife. Our Profession restrains us from joining in many relations free to others. It imposes upon us gravity and sobriety in innocent indulgence, and checks the outbreak of impulsive and passionate feeling, even under generous excitement. There is emphasis in that vow of our Priesthood “to lay aside the study of the world and the flesh.” We shall find enough to do to restrain rather than stimulate; and if we grasp only the uprightness of our Cause, the honor of upholding it, the flashing brightness of military achievement, the incidents and vicissitudes of the struggle, and keep these and their spirit paramount in our minds as indulged topics of conversation and permeating our pulpit appeals, we shall soon find ourselves departing from God, grieving His Spirit, and assisting the spiritual declension around us through excitement and distraction and passions festering into malignity. I do not think that a conscientious and watchful Minister can, in any fervid popular movement, however right and needful in its origin, be long on the popular side. The natural current, sluggish or vehement, is turbid with evil; and as it swells from the storm, it soon hurls the drift of a

wider area and wilder force. The Man of God must stand, pale perhaps, but more calm, from the enthusiasm and absorbing passion and intense exclusiveness around him. He must not only teach the same heavenly lessons, the same graces of the Spirit, the same appeals for thoughtful repentance as before, but discriminate when popular passion will not, and resist the evil; rebuke excess even where the end is good; and claim obedience to God's Law and Institutions as paramount even in martial exigency. He must teach and illustrate meekness, forbearance and forgiveness; rebuke bitterness, angry passion and revenge, even though the cry "to arms" all but drowns the voice, and the most vindictive passion is cheered as heroism. Corruption twice corrupted will always be the general result of passionate popular movement, right or wrong as it may at first be: and if the common social life, honored and true, compels the minister to be thus gravely secluded and jealously watchful, guarding himself from the appearance of evil, lest his good be evil-spoken of—how much more in the swelling of popular confusion, when one great dominant necessity grasps and concentrates all to itself, and puts even upon virtues almost the brand of vice.

As the Minister is under a peculiar claim for earnestness and sympathy, and yet wise seclusion from the whirl and intensity of the current events, a like spirit may be commended to the Christian Layman relative with his actual and imperative claims of personal duty. War, under any circumstances, is a horrible moral evil; and though, in the complexity of the social growth and purification, the cool tone of philosophy may numerate its benefits, still the frank instinct of the Christian soul knows that it cannot be rightly thus esteemed, or removed from the triad of God's sore displeasure—"pestilence, famine and the sword." The Layman then, also must feel the hand of the "gentle Jesus" laid upon him, to sober his spirit and discipline his language and sanctify his patriotism, brace him to watchfulness, and guide back to the wants of the Church and the care of Religion the sympathy and activity restlessly scattered or instinctively absorbed. The social disaster embarrasses resources and largely impairs the means for the support of the

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Ministry and the manifold work of needful charity. Even Christian principle will be tempted to set aside these claims and abate for the time, its gifts and sympathy. But here, with more than ordinary self-denial, must sacrifice be made, lest the Church and its Ministers sink in the crisis.

The Church of Christ is perpetual. It cannot perish. Its Mission is the recovery of an alienated World in its successive ages, and our hearts will not allow an hour's misgiving as to her final triumph; but of her parts we can only indulge this assured hope, as each is in itself faithful and true. The maintenance of each Branch depends, under Christ, on its fidelity in doctrine and diligence in the "good works prepared for us to walk in." The noble personal trust—"God is in the midst of her: she shall not be removed"—must be indicated by our devotion to the welfare of the Church, as it claims our personal consecration, our anxious care and devoted allegiance; lest, in the uproar of Civil strife and the intense engagement of our temporal solitudes, we overlook or sacrifice the interests of that Fellowship, of which its own Head has said, "He that loveth father or mother, houses or lands, more than Me is not worthy of Me."





EXHIBITS.

1861.

The following documents are added, numbered $\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$, as bringing them into natural order :

EXHIBIT No. $\frac{1}{2}$.

Original Subscription List.

The undersigned agree to give the respective sums specified opposite to their respective names, for the purpose of purchasing Lots 2 and 3 in Block 8, in Fractional Section Fifteen, at the price of twelve thousand dollars—Lot No. 2 for the erection thereon of a Cathedral Church, and Lot 3 to be donated to Bishop Whitehouse for a residence.

C. Beers,.....	\$2,000 00	James Morgan,.....	\$1,000 00
Joseph T. Ryerson,	1,000 00	D. Rutter,.....	500 00
William Blair,.....	1,000 00	E. C. Larned,.....	500 00

EXHIBIT No. $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Proposal for settlement from C. Beers, brought to Bishop Whitehouse by Rev. James Pratt, and in his handwriting. (Memorandum date,) June 20th, 1860.

Upon condition that Bishop Whitehouse gives up all claim upon the Lot or Lots, corner of Wabash Avenue and Jackson Street, and gives to Mr. Beers a deed of the same, he (Mr. Beers) hereby agrees to pay to Bishop Whitehouse the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) and such amounts as Bishop Whitehouse may have paid in Taxes on said Lots.

C. BEERS.

NOTE TO EXHIBIT No. 6, ADDED 1861.

Two errors have been pointed out in the above statistics, viz :

1859-60 : " AMOUNT FROM DIOCESE," should read, \$866 instead of \$1,016.

1859-60 : " CONFIRMATIONS "—360 should be 340, and the average— $8\frac{3}{4}$ be $8\frac{1}{2}$.

They do not materially affect the statement.

EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT No. 1. DEED.

Cyrenius Beers and Wife, to the Bishop of Illinois.

This Endenture, Made the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, between Cyrenius Beers, of the city of Chicago, in the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, and Mary his wife, party of the first part, and Henry J. Whitehouse, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Illinois, party of the second part, WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Four Thousand Dollars to the said party of the first part, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby confessed and acknowledged, Have remised, released, sold, conveyed and quit claimed, and by these presents do remise, sell, release and quit claim, unto said party of the second part, and his successors in office, ALL the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the said party of the first part have in or to the following described lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, that is to say: Lot two (2) in Block eight (8) in Fractional Section fifteen (15) addition to Chicago. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, either in law or equity, To the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part and his successors in office forever. PROVIDED, nevertheless, and this deed is upon this express condition, that a Cathedral Church, of the denomination Protestant Episcopal, shall be erected on said lot, within ten years after the date hereof, and PROVIDED further, no building shall be erected thereon, excepting such Cathedral Church and such other permanent structures of an ecclesiastical, eleemosynary and educational character as shall be necessary or desirable for or appurtenant to said Church.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties hereto of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

CYRENIUS BEERS, [L. s.]
MARY BEERS. [L. s.]

Witness, E. C. LARNED.

EXHIBIT No. 2.

Memorandum of Agreement, Henry J. Whitehouse with Cyrenius Beers.

Memorandum of Agreement, made and entered into this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, by and between Henry J. Whitehouse, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, party of the first part, and Cyrenius Beers, of the same place, party of the second part.

Whereas, the said party of the second part, by his certain contract in writing, bearing date the first day of December, A. D. 1852, covenanted and agreed to convey to said party of the first part, Lot number three (3), in Block number eight (8), in Fractional Section fifteen, addition to Chicago; which said contract is in the words and figures following, to wit:

"In consideration of the sum of six thousand dollars, to be paid in one, two and three years after date, with interest at six per cent., by the parties hereinafter named, who are to give me their judgment notes therefor, said notes to bear date the 1st day of December, 1852, and to be of the respective amounts set opposite to their respective names, and payable as hereinafter mentioned, I agree to execute and deliver to Henry J. Whitehouse a deed of Lot 3, in Block eight (8), Fractional Sectional 15, Addition to Chicago, upon condition that the said Whitehouse erect thereon a residence for himself, the said lot, and house thereon erected, to be subject to an agreement for a reconveyance from said Whitehouse, to Henry J. Whitehouse, Bishop of Illinois, which is to be hereafter executed, and the minutes of which, in substance, have been drawn up and are now in possession of E. C. Larned, Esq.

"The sums here referred to, which are to be paid in 1, 2 and 3 years, as above stated, are as follows:

E. C. Larned,	\$500.	G. Hodges,	\$100.
J. M. Wilson,	500.	Thos. Hale,	100.
B. F. Haddock,	500.	Thos. Allen,	100.
M. E. Stearns,	500.		
W. H. Adams,	250.	Henry J. Whitehouse,	\$3,550.
J. A. Bassett,	250.	By bond and mortgage on	
E. S. Sherman,	250.	the property,	2,450.
D. A. Bradley,	250.		
Dr. A. Gibbs,	150.		\$6,000.
G. W. Lay, Jr.,	100.		

"Provided, that instead of the last named security, the notes of other responsible parties may be substituted at any time before the execution of the deed, the deed to be given on the delivery to said Beers of the security for the amount above provided for.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto, the 1st day of December, A. D. 1852. CYRENIUS BEERS. [SEAL]

"In witness: E. C. LARNED."

Now, therefore, this Memorandum of Agreement

WITNESSETH that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the said party of the second part, hereinafter contained, and the matters and things hereinafter recited, and also for and in consideration of the sum of six thousand dollars, (\$6,000), to him in hand paid by said party of the second part, at the time of the execution and delivery hereof, and the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby waive and release all the right, title, interest, claim, property or demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, which he may have in said above recited contract, or which he may have acquired by virtue thereof, in and to the lands and premises therein mentioned and described, hereby releasing and discharging the said party of the second part from all liability on account thereof; and also at the same time executes and delivers, as Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Illinois, his certain quit claim deed of same date herewith, for the reconveyance to said party of the second part, of all the right, title and interest which, as such Bishop, the said party of the first part acquired in and to Lot number 2, in said Block number 8, in fractional section fifteen, addition to Chicago, under and by virtue of the certain indenture of said Cyrenius Beers and his wife, bearing date the eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1853, recorded in the office of the recorder in and for the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, in Book No. 59 of Deeds, on page 265.

And the said Cyrenius Beers, party of the second part, in consideration of the premises at the time of the execution and delivery hereof, pay to said party of the first part, the sum of six thousand dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and further covenants and agrees with said party of the first part, his heirs, executors and administrators, to waive and release any and all claims and demands which he, the said Cyrenius Beers, may have by virtue of said above recited contract, either against the said Henry J. Whitehouse, or against any of the persons whose names are mentioned in said contract, as the makers of the notes therein specified.

And further to surrender and deliver up to the makers thereof, respectively, all of said notes that have been received in pursuance of said contract or indenture.

The intent of both parties being to hereby cancel, and annul, and make void and of no effect, said contract, and on the part of the said party of the second part, to save harmless the makers of all said notes from all liability on account thereof.

This memorandum of agreement is executed in duplicate, each party taking one.

In Testimony Whereof, The said parties have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE. [SEAL.]
CYRENIUS BEERS. [SEAL.]

EXHIBIT No. 3.

Opinion of Standing Committee, 1856, on the validity of the claim on both Lots. 1856.

WHEREAS, By the action of the Convention of 1855, the Standing Committee are authorized to act with the Bishop in matters appertaining to the Bishop's Church and Residence; and the Bishop having requested the advice and action of the Committee in reference to the same; and especially in regard to the right over and present occupation of the property purchased of Mr. Beers, and the steps necessary to be taken in the premises; and the Committee having fully inquired into all the circumstances of the case. Therefore,

Resolved, That we see no grounds, legal, equitable or moral, for reconveying the property, and therefore advise the Bishop not to comply with the demand of Mr. Beers, but we advise him to proceed to take possession of and occupy the property for the purposes of a Bishop's Church.

Resolved, That for the same reasons we advise the Bishop not to abandon or cancel the contract made with Mr. Beers in reference to the other lot, but we advise him to proceed, if necessary, to enforce performance of the contract on the part of Mr. Beers.

Resolved, That in advising the Bishop to pursue this course, the Standing Committee believe that they are expressing the wishes and asserting the rights of the Diocese, and they will render him all the aid in their power in the responsibility and labor which this important trust may involve, and to secure for the plans a successful result.

S. Y. McMASTERS,
JOSEPH W. PIERSON,
A. CAMPBELL,
S. H. TREAT.

Springfield, November 20th, 1855.

EXHIBIT No. 4.

Opinion of Standing Committee on Compromise, and the Disposition of the Avails. 1857.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois, held by request of the Bishop, on the 21st of July, 1857, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to endeavor to effect a compromise of the Title to certain Lots purchased by the Bishop, of Mr. Beers, in the City of Chicago, and also to advise what disposition should be made of any funds which might accrue, as the proceeds of such compromise.

After a careful consideration of the many questions growing out of, or in anywise depending upon, the Title, either as it regards the original purchase or present relation, we came to the following conclusion, viz :

1st. That the title to the Lot designed for the Bishop's Church, is

in the Bishop, as such, and his successors in office, and that it is in his sole discretion to prosecute the enterprise contemplated in the purchase or not, and consequently that in the abandonment of the Bishop's Church, for any considerations whatever, the Bishop has the sole determination of the avails of such measure, limited only by the provisions of the act under which, as Bishop, he holds the property, and any agreement he may make in the way of compromise.

2nd. That the Title to the Lot designed for a Residence, is in the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, and that to him belongs, of right, the Lot, or the avails thereof, in any compromise.

Under these views, the undersigned regard the direction which the proceeds of any compromise shall take, as solely within the discretion of the Bishop.

There are other questions which the undersigned cannot keep out of view, in some measure implicated in the foregoing, the solution of which they regard as pertinent to the interests of the Bishop, and the prosperity of the Diocese, i. e., the questions touching a provision in some form of a residence and salary for the Bishop.

In reference to these points, the undersigned, whilst leaving out of view the possibility of liquidation on the part of the Diocese, or the disposition of the Bishop to press such payment, cannot but suppose the Bishop has a claim upon the Diocese for salary from the commencement of his Episcopate.

And that the Diocese can scarcely demand the actual residence of the Bishop and his family without reasonable provision in the matter of salary and residence.

With such views, the undersigned regard any arrangement which may adjust these various questions, as not only desirable but imperatively demanded. They, therefore, recommend and advise the following compromise and use of the proceeds as eminently calculated to secure such an adjustment, and as an arrangement to which no bar may be reasonably pleaded, viz :

That the Corner or Church Lot be valued in the manner set forth in a minute of agreement or memorandum, now in the possession of Dr. D. Brainard, and after deducting the original purchase price, with interest, that one-half the remainder be paid, or secured to be paid, to the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse.

And that in consideration of this, the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse relinquish to Mr. Beers, the original owner, all right and interest, both for himself, as Bishop, and for himself personally, in the two Lots.

That the Bishop use the proceeds of such compromise of the title to the Lots, in the erection of a residence for himself in the City of Chicago.

And that in consideration of the proceeds so paid, or secured to be paid, the Bishop relinquish all claim upon the Diocese for salary, at the rate of \$2,000 per annum, from the commencement of his Episcopate to the full amount of such proceeds.

Upon a view of the whole case, in all of its bearings, the undersigned

cannot but regard the above, both in relation to the compromise and the disposition of the avails, as fair and equitable to all parties who may, or may be thought, to have any interest, either near or remote, in the adjustment of the several questions.

Such an arrangement, in our apprehension, adjusts many of the questions which embarrass alike the Diocese and the Bishop. It places the Diocese in an attitude honorable to its Bishop, in that it has been acquitted of all obligation in the matter of salary to its Bishop, from the time of his consecration onward to the full amount which may accrue from the compromise.

It is, in our apprehension, an act of liberality on the part of the Bishop, in that the whole proceeds of the compromise, including his private interest in the Lot designed for his residence, goes in part to the benefit of the Diocese.

It furnishes "*pro tanto*" the Bishop with the means of providing himself a residence within the Diocese.

REV. SAMUEL CHASE, REV. JOHN W. CRACRAFT, ALEX. G. TYNG, P. B. BROTHERSON,	}	<i>Standing Com.</i>
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EXHIBIT No. 5.

Address from all the Episcopal Clergymen in Chicago, and sundry Laymen, on the same compromise and use of the avails. 1857.

To the Rt. Rever'd. Henry J. Whitehouse, Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

DEAR BISHOP:

The undersigned Clergy, Laity, and friends of the Church in Chicago, beg leave most respectfully to address you on the subject of the lots proposed to be used for the erection of a Cathedral Church and Episcopal residence, on the corner of Wabash avenue and Jackson street, Chicago, the title to which is now in dispute. The history of the purchase and donation of these lots, and the difficulties to which it has given rise, are too well known to the Bishop and the undersigned, to require to be recapitulated here, and we abstain from any review of the transactions growing out of it, as calculated to re-open wounds which it is desirable to heal.

It is our present object in addressing our Bishop, most respectfully to suggest that the present is an auspicious moment for settling the controversy with Mr. Beers, rather than protracting it by inaction or aggravating it by litigation. Admitting that a favorable result might be gained by litigation, it still remains doubtful in our judgment whether the interests of the Church will not have suffered more than the value of the property gained, in the loss of that peace so essential

for her well being, and that good will among her members so essential to carrying forward beneficent enterprises.

The special Convention of the Diocese held at Alton, in November, 1855, fully authorized the Bishop to go forward and erect his church, on said lots, or to re-deed them to Mr. Beers (with the concurrence of the Standing Committee of the Diocese) in case such occupation should be deemed "injudicious or unadvisable."

Believing that the circumstances contemplated, as liable to induce a resort to the latter alternative, have in a great degree occurred, we beg to suggest a course which will be intermediate between the two extremes, namely, a compromise by which a part of the lots shall be relinquished, and a part, or the value thereof, retained for the use of the Bishop and the Church.

If this view be accepted, the question as to the basis for a settlement becomes at once the point to be determined. The undersigned feel a delicacy in making any suggestion concerning the south or inside lot, as the proceedings in regard to it may be regarded as in some degree of a private nature; but in view of the well known determination of the Bishop not to retain it for any personal benefit to himself, we are induced to speak of it in connection with the other.

It seems, however, that there is a well founded doubt in regard to the claim of the Church to this lot, and assuming that the constituted authorities of the Church would be adverse to taking legal measures to enforce a doubtful claim, we regard the other—the corner lot—as the subject more especially of compromise.

In reference to this lot, it has appeared to the undersigned, that if Mr. Beers were willing to divide it with the Church equally, after deducting such part as at present prices would be equal to the price originally agreed upon for said lot, \$6,000, or pay, or secure to the Church, a sum equal to the same, for the purpose of purchasing or erecting a residence for the Bishop and his successors in office, that such an arrangement would offer a solution of the present difficulty, honorable to all parties, advantageous to the Bishop and the Diocese, as well as Mr. Beers; a solution which would be hailed with satisfaction by all truly desiring the prosperity of the Church.

We have the fullest confidence that the Standing Committee of the Diocese, when informed of the present state of affairs, will cordially assent to and advise such a settlement.

We are also led to believe that the terms above indicated, constitute a basis acceptable to Mr. Beers.

It may be due to the Bishop to state here, that this recommendation is not made on account of any reluctance supposed to exist on his part to a settlement of the difficulty, but for the purpose of taking upon ourselves the responsibility of such a course of action, and to protect the Bishop, if need be, before all parties, against an imputation of having failed to guard the property and interests of the Church. We fully believe that her best interests, temporal and spiritual, will be promoted by such a settlement.

We advise it the more earnestly, as it furnishes the means of securing a residence for the Bishop, and smooths the way for his pleasant domicile in our midst at no distant period.

ROBERT H. CLARKSON,
WM. A. SMALLWOOD,
H. N. BISHOP,
CHARLES V. KELLY,
DUDLEY CHASE,
JOHN W. CLARK,

J. W. CHICKERING,
GEO. W. DOLE,
JOHN M. WILSON,
THOMAS ALLEN,
W. L. NEWBERRY,
D. BRAINARD,
JNO. H. KINZIE.

EXHIBIT No. 6.

In order to present the state of the Missionary work, and in that connection the real condition of the Diocese advancing in self-reliance and liberality, and so far as confirmations afford an indication in steady increase, I venture to attach the following statistics and remarks in relation to CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS and CONFIRMATIONS.

The Standing Committee elected each year by the Convention, constitutes, with the Bishop, "the Board of Missions." I append the officers of the last six years:

1855-6.

Rev. S. Y. McMasters, LL.D.,
Rev. J. W. Pierson,
S. H. Treat,
Antrim Campbell.

1857-8.

Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D.D.,
Rev. Samuel Chase, D.D.,
Rev. N. H. Schenck,
J. W. Chickering,
D. J. Ely,
S. H. Treat.

1859-60.

Rev. Clinton Locke,
Rev. John O. Barton,
Rev. L. P. Clover,
Dr. A. Groesbeck,
Dr. John Brinkerhoff,
John H. Kinzie.

1856-7.

Rev. S. Chase, D.D.,
Rev. John W. Cracraft,
Alexander G. Tyng,
P. B. Brotherson.

1858-9.

Rev. S. Chase, D.D.,
Rev. Charles Dresser, D.D.,
Rev. Henry N. Strong, D.D.,
Matthew Griswold,
Alex. G. Tyng,
S. H. Treat.

1860-61.

Rev. R. H. Clarkson, D.D.,
Rev. John O. Barton,
Rev. H. N. Bishop,
L. B. Otis,
D. J. Ely,
S. H. Kerfoot.

The Tabular Statistics are from the reports of the Treasurers on the respective Journals:

Year.	Whole Amount for Diocesan Missions.	Amount from Chicago Churches.	Amount from Diocese.	Remarks.
1852-3	\$678.75	\$10.00	\$152.75	\$516 I collected or gave this year outside of the Diocese.
1853-4	450.00	10.00	440.00	
1854-5	1,001.44	139.35	962.08	
1855-6	867.51	76.00	790.51	
1856-7	853.17	287.00	566.17	
1857-8	1,027.00	408.18	618.82	
1858-9	1,855.61	786.44	1,069.17	
1859-60	1,205.00	189.00	1,016.00	
Whole Amount	\$7,938.48	\$1,905.97	\$5,625.51	\$600 of this was paid as special agent to Rev. E. B. Tuttle.
Average per Ann.	\$992.56	\$238.00	\$703.19	

In relation, therefore, to the present year as compared with the last, the Diocese has given *one thousand and sixteen dollars, (1,016)*, against one thousand and sixty-nine (1,069) last year—while the Chicago churches have given \$597.44 less than last year, \$219.18 less than '57-8, \$100 nearly less than '56-7. It is apparent at once, then, that if the churches in the city of Chicago had sustained the same average that the Diocese has, the amount this year would have far exceeded any previous one, and would have amounted to *eighteen hundred and two dollars, forty-four cents (1,802.44) nett* appropriation to the work, and have been enough to have paid every Missionary in the Diocese under the charge of the Board, fully and punctually, and left a surplus for some who have been without assistance. If there has been any suffering or disappointment among the Missionaries, I have to say frankly but kindly, the Chicago clergymen are responsible. The Diocese has done its duty nobly in the face of "hard times," and has not, in reality, fallen below the fullest amount of any previous year.

I turn now to the CONFIRMATIONS in the same tabular form :

Year.	Whole number Confirmed.	Confirmed in Chicago.	Average in each Parish in the Diocese without Chicago.
1852- 3.....	230.....	57.....	5
1853- 4.....	184.....	60.....	6
1854- 5.....	259.....	35.....	7
1855- 6.....	279.....	74.....	5
1856- 7.....	246.....	103.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
1857- 8.....	560.....	204.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
1858- 9.....	425.....	117.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
1859-60.....	360.....	76.....	8 $\frac{3}{4}$

The number of this year is apparently less than the preceding. The diminution is in Chicago. Had the churches there sustained themselves numerically only as in 1858-9, the present number would have been 400. If, as in the previous year, it would have been 488. The Diocese has sustained itself numerically ; but in the *average* it has exceeded ; and on this computation, had there been as many times of

confirmation, it would have been 464—the largest of any year except '58, one of peculiar religious sensibility, and when the decrease in Chicago alone, from that year, would have made it 592.

I have gone into these statistics because my own fear was that the Diocese was not quite as vigorous as before, and that it had yielded a little, as well it might have done, to depressing circumstances. I find that in this apprehension I am mistaken, and that, in reality, in its Missionary beneficence, its efforts to help itself, it has exceeded any other year, and in Confirmations the average in the churches has been larger than before; and that all deficiency, all change, is in the city of Chicago, which, among its nine churches, has had only *seventy-six* confirmed, although the Bishop has been in every one of them; and has only contributed to the Diocesan Missionary work *one hundred and eighty-nine dollars*.

I earnestly entreat that these facts may be observed, for I cannot believe that the zealous laity of these congregations, generous in their gifts to profusion, can be aware how small a portion of these benefactions finds its way to the work of Diocesan Missions, in the hands of the Board, elected by the Convention—the real, I might say, the only corporate effort I have to rely upon for the advance of the Church—how very small are the means furnished to the Bishop from the wealthy Metropolis of his Diocese to keep alive the poor parishes, and plant the Church in its destitute places. From nine churches in the city of Chicago, one hundred and eighty dollars for Diocesan Missions! The Diocese has done its duty nobly, and the year has been one of average advance in missionary collections and confirmations beyond any preceding.

Respectfully and affectionately I recall the Episcopal Church in Chicago to heartier fellowship in the love and work of the Diocese.

